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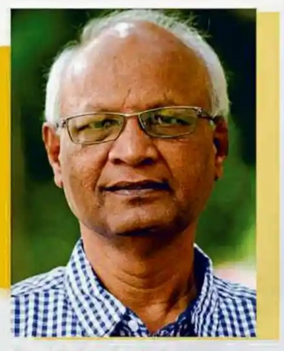

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UP NEXT: Kerala petitions to be heard on November 26; others slated for early December

SC notice to EC on fresh anti-SIR pleas

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday decided to examine a batch of pleas challenging the Election Commission (EC)'s decision to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise of electoral rolls in Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, and other states.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant, S V N Bhatti, and Joymalya Bagchi issued a notice to the EC on all the fresh petitions filed by different political leaders challenging the SIR across states on various grounds.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for a petitioner challenging the SIR in Kerala, submitted that local-body elections were also scheduled to be held in the state and, therefore, there was some urgency involved in the matter.

The bench directed that the pleas challenging the SIR in Kerala be listed on November 26, and that the rest of the petitions in other states would be taken up for hearing in the first or second week of December.

The court also issued a notice on the petitions filed by Indian Union Muslim League general secretary P K Kunhalikutty, CPM secretary M V Govindan Master, and others in connection with the SIR in Kerala.

Senior advocate Ranjit Kumar appeared for the CPM secretary, and advocate Haris Beeran for the IUML.

The court was informed that a Congress MP from Uttar Pradesh's Barabanki had also filed a plea, and that the MP has challenged the SIR in the state.

"Now, political parties have started coming. Thank God!" the bench said, in a lighter vein.

It issued a notice on the Congress MP's plea, saying it would hear matters other than those from Kerala in December.

The top court is already seized with a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the EC decision to conduct a pan-India SIR.

On November 11, the court sought separate responses from the poll panel on pleas filed by DMK, CPM, West Bengal Congress, and Trinamool Congress leaders challenging the SIR in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Tough forms, unclear rules: Chennai voters grapple with enumeration blues

FROM THE GROUND

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CHENNAI, DHNS

A Shankar and his daughter, S Sharmila, were given the Enumeration Form (EF) as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls on November 11. For over a week, they stared at the form due to the lack of details regarding the SIR conducted in 2005 — the family has moved houses twice in the past two decades within Taramani, a locality in South Chennai.

Shankar could not identify the booth where he cast his vote in 2005, as his area now falls under the Velachery Assembly segment (which was carved out of Tambaram) after constituencies were redrawn in 2011.

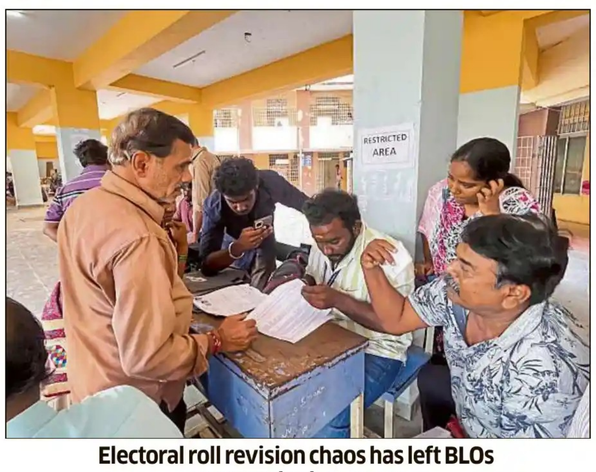
Only on November 19 did he receive the details with the help of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of political parties, who patiently searched through the voluminous voters' list from 2005 for the locality.

"Once we had the details, the form was filled within five minutes. I am relieved now as I know it won't be rejected. I wouldn't have filled it without help. The form is very tough to fill," Shankar told *DH*.

DH's visit across six Assembly constituencies in Chennai showed that many electors are confused about whether they should fill in Part (B) and Part (C) of the form, which require details of previous registration and relatives listed.

P Mani (71) from Teynampet almost decided not to fill the form, while 34-year-old Sumathi from Tambaram has been unable to locate her parents' 2005 SIR details for three weeks.

"My father's documents are with my brother in Vellore, and we are not on speaking terms. I thought of skipping the form. But my BLO told me that since my name was in the 2005 SIR, I didn't need to provide those details. There's no clarity. If I hadn't checked, I would have lost my vote," Mani said.



Electoral roll revision chaos has left BLOs overworked. DH PHOTO

ROLL CONFUSION

- Confusion over 2005 details stalls submissions
- Many electors risk disenfranchisement amid delays
- Only 24% of forms digitised by November 20
- EC claims 95% distribution, ground reality differs
- BLOs lack clarity on process
- BLOs overworked; heaps of forms lie uncollected or incomplete

Revision fears

From Taramani to Kottivakkam, Tambaram, Adyar, Teynampet, Mylapore, Royapettah and Triplicane, the story is the same across Chennai: millions continue to struggle to collect enumeration forms and fill them accurately to avoid disenfranchisement, nearly three weeks after the exercise began on November 4.

Confusion persists on the ground, with many yet to receive the forms, even as the Election Commission claims 95% distribution. As of November 20, however, only about 24% of the forms have been digitised, with just two weeks left before the deadline.

DH found heaps of forms lying with over a dozen BLOs, either due to the death of voters or because their houses were locked.

Little training

BLOs lack clarity on the process, having received little training for what is an added responsibility alongside regular work. Overburdened, they rely on personal smartphones to trace EPIC details and scan filled forms, often working late into the night. One BLO said many voters leave sections blank, forcing officials to consult the 2005 voters list, call applicants and fill in missing details before scanning.

Centre to review sleeper bus safety after rise in fire incidents

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Union Ministry of Road Transport is preparing to hold stakeholder meetings soon to improve safety features in sleeper buses, following a rise in incidents of such vehicles catching fire.

"We will soon hold discussions with stakeholders, including bus manufacturers and body builders. We want to further improve safety mechanisms in sleeper buses after taking their inputs," Union Road Transport and Highways Secretary V Umashankar told reporters here.

The new Bus Body Code came into effect in India on September 1, mandating stricter safety standards for buses. The code includes new rules on fire safety systems, emergency exits, and limits on noise and vibration.

"Mainly, the Ministry is looking at three issues — the bus body and its engine, road defaults, and vehicle inspection standards," he said."

He also pointed out that lapses in issuing fitness certificates by Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) in the states are among the reasons many buses escape stricter scrutiny regarding safety features. However, he said the Ministry has been pushing states to adopt more automatic fitness-testing systems to reduce human interference.

He ruled out any proposal to ban sleeper buses.

Mamata trying to obstruct SIR, TMC goons threatening: BJP

NEW DELHI, PTI: The BJP on Friday accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of trying to obstruct the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls in the state, and urged the poll panel to ensure the exercise is completed "smoothly and transparently" like Bihar.

Speaking to reporters here, BJP national spokesperson Guru Prakash Paswan alleged that "Trinamool Congress goons" were threatening booth-level officers in West Bengal, asking them not to follow the Election Commission's directives.

He also alleged that Banerjee, who is also the Trinamool Congress supremo, was objecting to the voter roll cleanup exercise as "infiltrators are a part of her vote bank".

The West Bengal chief minister wrote to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Thursday, alleging that SIR was being conducted in the state in an "unplanned and coercive" manner, putting citizens and officials at risk. She also claimed the exercise has reached an "alarming" and a "dangerous" stage, and demanded an "immediate corrective action".

Bengal CM to hold protest rally on Nov 25

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will hold a rally on November 25 before leading a 3-km march from Chandpara to Thakurnagar, the Matua spiritual headquarters, as part of her campaign against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, reports PTI.

Banerjee's move marks the latest escalation in her campaign against the SIR, a drive she has denounced as "coercive" and "chaotic".

New deep-sea 'Octopus squid' discovered in Arabian Sea

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: Scientists of the ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have discovered a new species of deep-sea squid from the Arabian sea.

According to a statement from CMFRI, it is the second confirmed species of the globally rare genus Taningia. The species is scientifically named Taningia silasii (Indian octopus squid).

The specimen was collected from nearly 390 metres into the sea off the Kollam coast. It has a length of 45 cm and belongs to the family Octopoteuthidae.

The research was led by principal scientist Geetha Sasikumar and technical officer Sajikumar K K.

Sasikumar said that until now, Taningia danae found in Atlantic waters was the only known species in this genus. DNA barcoding showed more than 11% genetic divergence from the Atlantic species, she said.

LITTLE GREETINGS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed by members of the Indian community, in Johannesburg, South Africa. PTI

PM Modi meets Australian counterpart

JOHANNESBURG, PTI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met his Australian counterpart, Anthony Albanese, here and the two leaders discussed issues of bilateral and mutual interests.

PM Modi met Albanese hours after he arrived in South Africa to attend the G20 Leaders' Summit.

Albanese expressed condolences over the recent terrorist attack in Delhi and the bus accident in Saudi Arabia, in which several Indians were killed.

"We have much to discuss, and our relationship is very strong," he said.

"I think the economic relationship we can strengthen further, and our defence and security ties are also very important going forward. And I look forward to our discussion today," Albanese added.

A day earlier, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong held talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Delhi. They reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation under different pillars of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Anti-CAA stir aimed at B'desh, Nepal-like power shift: Cops

Say trial can be finished in 2 years if accused cooperate

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Delhi police on Friday claimed before the Supreme Court that the protests against the CAA in the national capital were not a simple dharna, but were aimed at regime change, similar to that seen in Bangladesh and Nepal.

While opposing bail plea of activists Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam and others, arrested under the UAPA in the February 2020 riots case, the police also said that the trial in the larger conspiracy case can be completed within two years if the accused cooperate.

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the Delhi Police, submitted before a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria that the Delhi riots were the result of a conspiracy involving several accused, including Tahir Hussain, Shifa Ur Rahman, Meeran Haider, Ishrat Jahan and Khalid Saifi, who he alleged financed the violence.

> **S V RAJU**
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UAPA, conspiracy alleged

Referring to statements from a witness, Raju submitted that the alleged conspirators planned violence, organised chakka jams to disrupt and "choke Assam out of India," and further mobilised rioters who, armed with sticks, engaged in heavy stone-pelting.

"This is a clear case where Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 offences are attracted, conspiracy to commit terrorist act, murder, etc is made out. It was not a simple dharna for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, it was for regime change," he claimed.

He claimed that all those who went for the dharna carried sticks, acid bottles. "They wanted regime change like in Bangladesh and Nepal. They have scant regard for the Constitution," Raju told the bench.

Raju said large-scale rioting occurred after the street CCTVs were destroyed. "A police constable was killed and other police personnel were injured in the attack following a large-scale mobilisation. In the ensuing riots, an Intelligence Bureau officer was killed," he said.

The bench is expected to continue to hear the matter on November 24.

The matter arose out of the challenge to the Delhi High Court's September 2 order, which rejected the bail by the activists in the case.

Bodo groups hit Delhi streets over unkept promises

GUWAHATI, DHNS: Nearly five years after signing the new Bodoland Accord with the government to resolve issues, including militancy in Assam's Bodoland region, the signatories on Friday took to the streets in New Delhi, demanding its full implementation.

The sit-in was staged by the All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU), Ex-NDFB Welfare Association, and the United Boro People's Organisation (UBPO), the three signatories, as part of their two-day agitation at Jantar Mantar. The protesters said several key commitments of the accord were unfulfilled even after five years. "If the Union government fails to fulfil its commitments on time, the very credibility of the accord comes into question," said ABSU president Dipen Boro.

Some of the major unfulfilled clauses are the passage of the 125th (Constitution) Amendment Bill, 2019, revising Article 280 and the Sixth Schedule to enhance the Bodoland Territorial Council's financial autonomy and administrative powers, increasing the number of BTC seats from 40 to 60, direct funding through Articles 280 and 275(1)(a), and land rights for tribals as per the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Peace returned to the Bodoland region after all four factions of the now-disbanded insurgent group NDFB laid down arms.

Manipur's Sangai Fest resumes after 2 years amid protests

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

WHAT HAPPENED

- Protesters demand peace be established before festival restarts
- Forces fired tear gas shells as protesters enter festival venue
- Manipur Guv Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated festival while most MLAs skip event

The state administration in conflict-torn Manipur on Friday inaugurated the 10-day Sangai Festival despite strong protests by those displaced by the ongoing conflict and members of the Co-ordination Committee on Manipur Unity (COCOMI), a forum of civil-society groups.

Forces fired tear gas shells as the protesters tried to storm the festival venue in Imphal for the second day on Friday.

The protesters have been demanding that peace be restored first and that the displaced persons be facilitated to return to their homes before the festival commenced.

Several persons were injured on Thursday in a baton charge and the firing of tear gas by the security forces during a similar protest.

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated the festival in Imphal, but most of the MLAs — including former chief minister N Biren Singh — skipped the inaugural function. Senior MLA Basant Kumar Singh was among the few legislators who participated.

Manipur has remained under President's Rule since February.

The Sangai Festival — Manipur's biggest cultural fest — was cancelled in the last two years due to the ongoing conflict involving the Meiteis and the Kukis that erupted in May 2023.

More than 260 people have died and 60,000 others have been displaced due to it.

Efforts to restore peace have remained inconclusive as the organisations representing both communities have stuck to their demands.

PRESERVING IDEAS

Nehru Archive now fully digital

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Nehru Archive has gone live digitally, with the 100-volume Selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru now fully available online, featuring 35,043 documents and 3,000 illustrations and images that can be downloaded free of charge.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund (JNMF), which is digitising material linked to the country's first Prime Minister, will soon embark on expanding the scope of the archive in its second phase. This includes locating and digitising letters addressed to Nehru, as well as adding audio-visual material and books by Nehru, including both first and subsequent editions.

Considered the first comprehensive digital archive built on deeply interconnected and metadata-driven architecture around Nehru, the project was completed over the course of roughly a year.

Congress General Secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh, one of the Trustees of the JNMF, said that Nehruarchive.in is an "easily searchable and freely downloadable digital archive" initially built around the 100 published volumes of the Selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru, covering the period 1903–1964. It contains over 75,000 pages and more than 3,000 illustrations to start with.

He added that archives across the world containing letters to and from Nehru are being contacted to help expand the collection. Facsimiles of the original printed volumes are also available alongside the digital text.

JNMF Secretary Prof Madhavan Palat said, "Hereafter, new items will be added in stages. These include photographs, audio recordings, videos, books by Nehru, books and other publications on Nehru that appeared in his lifetime, any documentation available in the public domain, the Hindi originals of his speeches that were not published in the Selected Works, and other similar items."

Ramesh noted that the Gandhi–Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel–Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose–Nehru correspondences are fairly comprehensive. However, this is not the case with certain other exchanges, such as Winston Churchill–Nehru and Rabindranath Tagore–Nehru.

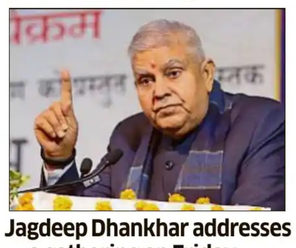
The JNMF believes the digital archive will be of immense value to anyone studying Indian history from the 1920s to the 1960s—years during which Nehru was a leading figure in the Independence movement and subsequently the country's Prime Minister.

The digitised documents include Nehru's correspondence, speeches, interviews, administrative notes, diary entries and even doodles. In the digital archive, Nehru's Hindi speeches from September 1958 onwards are available along with their English translations.

The team responsible for digitising the archive has enabled search across 300 themes and intends to expand this to 1,000. Searches can also be conducted by event, location and organisation.

In first public speech after resigning as VP, Dhankhar praises RSS philosophy

BHOPAL, PTI: Jagdeep Dhankhar, who has maintained a low profile since stepping down exactly four months ago, citing health reasons, made his first public address on Friday at a book launch, praising the RSS philosophy and vision of making a stronger nation.


Jagdeep Dhankhar addresses a gathering on Friday. PTI

After his sudden mid-term resignation from office on July 21 this year, Dhankhar chose a politically significant platform for his re-emergence — the launch of the book "Hum Aur Yeh Vishwa" (We and This World), authored by RSS Joint General Secretary Manmohan Vaidya.

Addressing a gathering that included spiritual leaders and prominent media figures, Dhankhar spoke of national confidence, cultural roots, and the preservation of institutional integrity.

After his resignation, which was accepted just hours before the start of the day's proceedings of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, he was last seen at the swearing-in ceremony of his successor, C P Radhakrishnan, in September.

Praising the author and the book's timing, ahead of the Sangh's centenary year, Dhankhar articulated a clear focus on civilisational strength. "We must engage with the world from a position of inner confidence and civilisational strength," he said, adding that the book acted like a "tonic for the mind" to stimulate thought and strengthen conviction in India's cultural foundation.

Dhankhar's choice of the RSS-affiliated event is being viewed by analysts as a powerful political signaling of his continued commitment to the ruling party's ideological ecosystem.

Haryana man gets 20-year jail for rape of six-year-old

GURUGRAM, PTI: A court here on Friday, while convicting a man of the rape of a six-year-old girl, sentenced him to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine, police said.

Additional Sessions Judge Jasmine Sharma sentenced the convict to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 30,000.

According to the police, a man had filed a complaint on February 4, 2022, saying he had left his six-year-old daughter to the care of one Ramesh, who lived downstairs as a tenant in the same accommodation. When he returned, his daughter told him that Ramesh had raped her, he alleged.

Following the complaint, an FIR was registered under section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act.

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A SWEEPING DILEMMA

Should Bengaluru rent road sweepers?

With summer dust looming, Bengaluru's road-cleaning strategy faces scrutiny over costs, inefficiencies, and concerns about dumping

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru's citizens and officials have always been at loggerheads regarding mechanical sweeping machines. Now that the Urban Development Department has decided to outsource 40 road-sweeping machines for seven years, sweeping is back in the headlines.

Why go for rented machines? "We had problems in the past with regard to maintenance and operations. Our systems are not equipped enough to handle mechanical sweepers efficiently. It makes sense to outsource that part and just pay the firms to get it done," said Maheshwara Rao, Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

By when will new corporations have this system? "We have to go ahead as soon as possible. Else in the summer, the dust situation is going to worsen with air quality levels dipping," he added.

Critics of the sweeping machines say no socioeconomic impact analysis or cost-benefit analysis has been done.

"Any such government project involves a socio-economic angle. Those who sweep streets are from downtrodden sections of society. At a rate of one pourakarmika for 330 metres of one side of the road, 1,688 kilometres of road would have given employment to more than 11,000 pourakarmikas. The cost would have been a lot lower than machines," observes Ram Prasad, the founder of Friends of Lakes, also actively involved in highlighting waste-related issues.

However, Rao denied this. "We did the cost-benefit analysis and machines were found to be cheaper," he added.

Cost concerns

A source said the BSWML had estimated a cost of close to Rs 90 lakh for procuring a sweeping machine. If one adds maintenance, fuel, and labour costs, a source says that one sweeping kilometre would cost close to Rs 250 if the corporations own the vehicle.

The Urban Development Department (UDD) estimates Rs 894 per sweeping km under a rented model. The cost is estimated at Rs 9,593 crore for the first year alone if 40 mechanical sweeping machines were rented.

To compare, the BBMP had presented a budget of Rs 19,927 crore last year. Sweeping roads of 1,688 kms alone would cost almost half of that amount under the proposed model. The Centre grants funds to Bengaluru for clean-air projects under the National Clean Air Plan (NCAP). In fact, it allocated Rs 116 crores in 2023 for initiatives, including sweeping machines. But the planned expenditure for sweeping machines is way more than any such grant can fulfil.

There is neither any clarity on how these figures were arrived at, nor any break-up in the UDD's publicly available notification.

Following public objections to these costs, the government has now decided to seek a third-party view before moving ahead with the tender.

Take the case of Bengaluru North corporation, which has had four sweeping machine vehicles for the past seven years. "The cleaning has not always been effective. They cover just 25-30 km, compared to 40 km of the road," says Sunil Kumar Pommula, Commissioner of Bengaluru North Corporation.

Bengaluru West Corporation has 390 kilometres of arterial roads, such as Magadi Road, West of Chord Road, and Hosakere Halli Road, but only four sweeping machines. "Cleanliness is a serious issue on these roads," admits Rajendra K V, Commissioner of Bengaluru West Corporation.

He finds the lack of involvement by local establishments in protecting and maintaining the roads a problem for the optimal functioning of sweeping machines. "We are thinking of involving big establishments in adopting roads so that they keep their stretches problem-free and sweeper-machine-friendly," he adds.

COST ESTIMATION (in Rs)

Year	Bangalore Central Corporation	Bangalore East Corporation	Bangalore West Corporation	Bangalore North Corporation	Bangalore South Corporation
1st Year	1625,98,718.10	1788,58,589.91	2276,38,205.34	2113,78,333.53	1788,58,589.91
2nd Year	1707,28,654.01	1878,01,519.41	2390,20,115.61	2219,47,250.21	1878,01,519.41
3rd Year	1792,65,086.71	1971,91,595.38	2509,71,121.39	2330,44,612.72	1971,91,595.38
4th Year	1882,28,341.04	2070,51,175.14	2635,19,677.46	2446,96,843.35	2070,51,175.14
5th Year	1976,39,758.09	2174,03,733.90	2766,95,661.33	2569,31,685.52	2174,03,733.90
6th Year	2075,21,746.00	2282,73,920.60	2905,30,444.40	2697,78,269.80	2282,73,920.60
7th Year	2178,97,833.30	2396,87,616.63	3050,56,966.62	2832,67,183.29	2396,87,616.63
Total per Corp	**13238,80,137.24**	**14562,68,150.96**	**18534,32,192.13**	**17210,44,178.41**	**14562,68,150.96**

Source: State Urban Development Department notification

'Flawed, yet fine'

Either the pourakarmikas or the vehicles can't sweep during the daytime, so sweeping has to take place after 12 before 6 am, says Anjaneyappa, Head of the Civil Engineering Department at RV College of Engineering. He is an expert in roads and serves on many road-related committees.

"The safety and health of sweeping pourakarmikas can't be guaranteed, and machines are more efficient," he added.

"The human requirement for such large-scale, high-risk street sweeping is huge, and the process is time-consuming. There are definitely flaws that may need to be ironed out. But the city needs such sweepers," explained Anjaneyappa. Roads today in Bengaluru may not have been designed for machine-sweeping, and there are limitations. Still, in today's situation, we need these," he added. One of the main problems raised by critics is the dumping of collected waste anywhere and everywhere in the city, including stormwater drains and lakes.

When asked about this, Rao assured that the corporations will "ensure there are checks in place to fix accountability regarding where the waste goes."

"We will have manpower and technological systems in place to monitor the quality of sweeping done. The public can also send suggestions when the details are up on the websites," he added.

Challenges for machines

A source who knows how the sweeping machines currently operate said that roadside dumping of waste is a major problem for them. "Sometimes people dump on the footpath, which later falls onto the main road. Sweeping machines sweep only roads, medians and kerbs, and not footpaths. Sweeping machines can, in fact, suck the other waste as well, but it takes more time to do it if the machine has to be stopped and mixed waste sucked each time," the source added. Each machine is supposed to sweep a stretch of 40 kilometres - it amounts to just 10 km on four-lane roads, with each side having two vehicle widths to sweep - 10 kms each, four times.

"Mixed waste and dust collected can't be dumped indiscriminately; they have to be carried to a designated destination each time the vehicle is full. This wastes a lot of sweeping time for the machines; they may not be able to sweep the assigned stretches fully, according to the source.

Planning of transit vehicles or transit points is crucial to address this issue in future tenders, said the source. Another challenge is the construction activity that goes on perennially in the city in every area."To handle all these, Bengaluru needs one machine for every road. The current extra load on the machines may be a reason for breakdowns, the source indicated.The city now has 26 seven-year-old machines, all of which have been procured and maintenance outsourced.

"The initial operations and maintenance (O&M) contract was for five years. That is extended now, but there may be uncertainty among the current O&M contractor, as there is talk of a new tender. This may have led to laxity in the maintenance of the vehicles," speculates the source.

"Indian roads need machines designed for Indian road conditions — dusty and full of a variety of waste. We can't import sweeping machines from abroad, because they would be made for conditions in their countries, and spare parts aren't easy to get," cautions the source.

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METRO

Govt orders third-party review of costly sweeping machine plan

Move follows criticism from Oppn over pricing irregularities

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

Amid rising objections to the steep cost of hiring mechanical sweeping machines, the state government has directed the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to commission a third-party review of the project's estimates.

The move comes amid strong criticism from political parties, including the BJP and JD(S), who have questioned possible irregularities in the pricing.

It also follows the government's order issued just two days ago, formalising the cabinet's decision to rent 46 sweeping machines at a cost of Rs 613 crore.

In a letter to GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, Urban Development Department (UDD) Additional Chief Secretary Tushar Girinath instructed the authority to appoint an independent agency to reassess the cost estimates before floating any tender. The government has also asked the GBA to compare models, specifications, and performance standards of sweeping machines, and recommend the most suitable options for the five city corporations.

The letter is understood to have been issued on the directions of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio.

The communication also recalls the GBA's earlier request, submitted in October 2025, seeking administrative approval to hire 59 sweeping machines for seven years at a cost of Rs 781.08 crore.

The UDD subsequently revised the proposal, reducing the number of machines to 46 and the total outlay to Rs 613.25 crore. The cabinet then cleared the revised plan, which has since drawn attention over its high pricing.

Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka on Friday termed the proposal a "big scam".

"Buying the machines would cost Rs 308 crore, but the government wants to spend Rs 610 crore to rent them," he said. "If the Centre buys one machine for Rs 72 lakh, this government is spending Rs 2.5 crore. A single machine can clean only 2 km per hour, but they are billing as if 40 km of garbage is cleared in an hour. It's impossible amid the city's traffic."

The GBA has defended the plan, stating that Rs 613 crore is only the upper limit approved by the cabinet and that the final pricing will depend on bids received.

Italian Consulate to host cuisine week in city

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru will host the 10th 'Settimana della Cucina Italiana nel Mondo' (Week of Italian Cuisine in the World) from November 23.

This year's theme is 'Tradition and Innovation, Health and Stability', celebrating the dynamic identity of Italian cuisine.

The two-week festivities include invite-only and public events. Celebrated Italian chef Italo Bassi will headline the programme.

The programme begins with a fine-dining experience at the Leela Palace, followed by a masterclass at Christ University, an aperitivo evening, and a panel discussion on "The Future of Food: Health, Innovation, Planet" with Foodwize.

The event concludes with a week of partnership initiatives at local restaurants from December 1.

"Italian cuisine is a bridge between memory and the future, a cultural heritage that evolves without losing its soul. This year's theme reflects our commitment to promoting food that is not only delicious, but also healthy, innovative, and respectful of the planet," said Giandomenico Milano, Consul General of Italy.

Milano assumed office in August, after postings in Indonesia, Ethiopia and Sri Lanka.

Having travelled across India, Milano named Mysuru as his favourite Indian city and expressed fondness for Mangalorean food.

On other consulate projects, he said, "We're planning an event around AI and music in December. We are also planning to bring some Italian artists next year," adding that he hopes to further cultural exchange by taking Indian art to Italy.

The consulate will also begin the science attache in December.

GBA chief reviews progress of white-topping projects

Works on JC Road, Platform Road pick up pace

BENGALURU, DHNS

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Thursday night inspected white-topping work on Platform Road, Sheshadripuram.

He was joined by City Central Commissioner Rajendra Cholan and Chief Engineer Raghavendra Prasad.

Rao reviewed the 600-metre stretch from the Slum Development Board signal to Rajiv Gandhi Junction. "The side drain and pipe work is almost complete, and utility work is in progress. Water and sanitation pipeline work is underway," the GBA boss said, directing engineers to clear debris from the road immediately.

GBA boss M Maheshwar Rao, along with City Central Commissioner Rajendra Cholan and Chief Engineer Raghavendra Prasad, during the inspection rounds.

Platform Road is a critical stretch connecting the old towns around Majestic, and there were complaints about slow progress.

To open by Dec 1

He later inspected white-topping on JC Road from Minerva Circle to Town Hall. The entire stretch, Rao said, will open by December 1.

Civic engineers undergo training ahead of road revamp

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Administrative Research Institute and World Resources Institute (WRI) India organised a two-day capacity-building session for Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and city corporation engineers and contractors.

The training was held as the city plans large-scale road improvement projects worth Rs 5,000 crore, including asphalting and white-topping.

Engineers were urged to execute projects with the spirit of "Namma Raste-Namma Hemme", ensuring high-quality roads. The importance of designing unobstructed, safe, and continuous footpaths was emphasised.

Key points of the Namma Raste kaipidi (manual) were explained, with instructions to follow the handbook during project execution.

Representatives from the Association of People with Disabilities (APD) highlighted the need for inclusive infrastructure for persons with disabilities.

City is gearing up for Rs 5,000-crore road upgrades, including asphalting and white-topping. DH FILE

White-topping was cited as a durable, pothole-free model, and engineers were encouraged to maintain similar standards in all works.

City runners to unite for Canara Marathon 2025

BENGALURU, DHNS: The third edition of the Canara Marathon 2025 will take place in the city on Sunday. Participants from all walks of life will converge to celebrate the spirit of endurance and unity.

Organised by Canara Bank, the marathon will begin at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, promising a morning of energy, inclusivity, and healthy living.

Participants are advised to arrive on time for mandatory warm-up sessions and instructions. Hydration points, medical support, and volunteer marshals will be stationed along all routes to ensure safety and a smooth-running experience.

Traffic diversions will be in effect on Vittal Mallya Road during early morning hours. Paid parking facilities are arranged at UB City Mall for participants and spectators.

For more details, participants may visit https://www.canarabankmarathon.com/

11 Nepalis arrested over group clash outside Vidhana Soudha

BENGALURU, DHNS: Eleven Nepalese nationals have been arrested in connection with a group clash reported last Sunday in front of the Vidhana Soudha and the Karnataka High Court.

Police said the group had moved across several parts of the city, including JP Nagar, HSR Layout and Cubbon Park, before converging near the metro station outside the high court on November 16, where the altercation broke out, causing panic among passersby.

The fight reportedly stemmed from multiple earlier disputes — including a previous altercation involving a woman and a recent quarrel over a stolen mobile phone. Heated arguments soon escalated into a physical confrontation, with both sides attacking each other, according to police.

Patrolling personnel intervened and dispersed the crowd using mild force. A case was later registered, and 11 suspects were taken into custody. Police said they are questioning the men and conducting background checks.

The arrested have been identified as Dharmendar, Rahul Singh, Nirmal, Manoj Kathayuth, Parash Bohra, Upendra Chaulagai, Manoj Shahi, Chavi Khatri, Sandeep Adhikari, Gopal Chetri and Dinesh Kunwar.

Investigations have revealed that the group had been shooting reels at prominent city landmarks and sharing them in Nepali WhatsApp groups, where they were gaining significant traction. The clash is also said to have erupted while they were recording one such video.

Police had initially treated the incident as minor after the group fled during the lathicharge.

However, videos later went viral on social media, prompting concerns about law and order in the CBD. A formal case was registered only thereafter.

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Tejas fighter jet crashes at Dubai Air Show, pilot killed

NEW DELHI, DHNS: India's home-grown Tejas Light Combat Aircraft crashed in a ball of fire at Al Maktoum International Airport in Dubai on Friday, killing the pilot Wing Commander Namansh Syal in front of an audience which watched the shocking crash live.

"An IAF Tejas aircraft met with an accident during an aerial display at Dubai Air Show, today. The pilot sustained fatal injuries in the accident. A court of inquiry is being constituted to ascertain the cause of the accident," the Indian Air Force said.

"The IAF deeply regrets the loss of life and stands firmly with the bereaved family in this time of grief," the force said.

The plane went down around 2.10 pm local time on the last day of the Dubai International Air Show.

Videos circulating on social media showed the aircraft losing altitude at high speed and hitting the ground within a few seconds, bursting into a ball of flames on impact as onlookers watched in shock. A plume of smoke billowed from the crash site as emergency vehicles rushed towards it. The videos don't show any ejection.

The aircraft is one of the 38 first generation Tejas LCA Mk-1 aircraft that Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd supplied to the IAF so far.

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Easier compliance for employers
Longer factory shifts, no approval for firing up to 300 workers, single registration, licence framework across India

Fixed-term contract workers
Social security benefits equal to permanent workers; to get gratuity after one year

Women get more benefits
Allowed to work in night shifts across jobs; equal pay mandated

Gig workers get a look-in
For the first time, gig and platform workers legally defined

Govt rings in big labour reforms

New codes stress social security, women's participation

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Pushing ahead with India Inc's long-standing demands of labour reforms, the Union government on Friday announced implementation of four consolidated labour codes that seek to build a future-ready labour ecosystem by promoting formalisation, expanding social security and boosting women's participation.

Under the new regulations, women will be permitted to work night shifts across all industries including mining, heavy machinery and hazardous sites.

Social security benefits like medical cover, paid leave and gratuity will have to be extended to those fixed-term employees also in line with those offered to permanent workers. Workers will be eligible for gratuity after one year instead of the current practice of five years.

Four new codes – Code on Wages (2019), Industrial Relations Code (2020), Code on Social Security (2020) and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSHWC) Code (2020) – formally became law effective from Friday, around five years after being passed by Parliament.

Through this move, 29 labour laws have been consolidated in four codes. A majority of the British colonial era rules have been either rationalised or repealed.

"These Codes will serve as a strong foundation for universal social security, minimum and timely payment of wages, safe workplaces and remunerative opportunities for our people," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post on X.

India Inc, which has been pitching for labour reforms for decades, welcomed the move saying it would ease the compliance burden.

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Mid-term churning: Leaders up the ante, Congress power tussle intensifies

Siddu: Will remain CM for the entire term

MYSURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday reiterated that he will be the chief minister for the entire term and will present the remaining budgets too.

He, however, added that "whatever the party high command says is final".

"The high command decides on changing the leadership or Cabinet reshuffle. Has the high command said anything on this? Everyone, including me, the deputy chief minister, all ministers and MLAs should listen and abide by what the high command says," Siddaramaiah said.

He was replying to reporters' questions at Mysuru Airport on Friday related to the visit of some MLAs and ministers to meet the Congress high command in Delhi.

"Some leaders were talking earlier too. Some might have gone now. But every one should follow the high command's decision," he said. The CM said, "AICC head Mallikarjun Kharge will come to Bengaluru on Friday. I will meet him on Saturday".

"Everyone, including me, the deputy chief minister, ministers and MLAs must obey the high command
Siddaramaiah

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All the best, DKS tells Siddaramaiah

BENGALURU, DHNS

Amid brisk political developments, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Friday wished Chief Minister Siddaramaiah "all the best" and maintained that "it is not in my blood" to engage in factionalism.

"The CM has said that he will complete the full five-year term. I wish him all the best," Shivakumar, who is also the Karnataka Congress president, said.

"Nobody questioned the CM's authority. No one asked him to reshuffle the Cabinet. Yet, he wants to. No one said he won't be CM for five years. Still, he says he'll be the CM for five years. When seniors speak, juniors like me should listen," he remarked.

Reacting to a team of lawmakers visiting Delhi to bat in his favour with the Congress high command, Shivakumar clarified that he was not a factionalist.

"No one said he won't be chief minister for five years. Still, he says he'll be the chief minister for five years
Shivakumar

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CM camp plots moves to counter DKS; Cong warns against public statements, Page 5

Behind the looms of Bhuj

Gujarat is rich in handloom weaving traditions. Though the 2001 earthquake dealt a blow to the handloom industry, things have greatly improved since. Government support, GI tags and increased awareness have helped revive many weaves.

In this week's Saturday Story, a *DH* journalist brings vignettes from her visit to the weavers of Bhuj in the district of Kutch. In the region, fourth- and fifth-generation artisans work on weaves such as tangaliya and mashru from cotton, silk and wool. So what are their prospects?

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Patil: No plan yet on 2nd airport in south B'luru

DH SPECIAL

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Even as Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar recently stated that the state government is considering establishing Bengaluru's second airport in the southern part of the city, Industries Minister M B Patil has clarified that "no such thing is under consideration".

Speaking to DH, Patil shared that all three shortlisted locations—two adjacent land parcels in Somanahalli and Chudahalli near Kanakapura Road, and one on Kunigal Road near Nelamangala — are currently being considered for locating the city's second airport.

"The Dy CM just shared a personal opinion in the flow of things, but no such location is being favoured as of now. There is a long process that needs to be followed before the location is finalised," he added.

To kickstart the process of finalising the location, the government will soon send out a tender calling for consultancy firms to look into the list of limitations shared by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) earlier this month. The AAI report has flagged terrain and airspace issues at all three locations.

"We will send out two tenders. The first will carry on from what we have learnt from the AAI report. We will hire a local consultancy firm to carry out our own feasibility and viability studies and look into all the permissions that are needed, and get into the nitty-gritty of passenger load and other things," he said.

▸ 2nd airport, Page 5

Sweeping machine proposal to face 3rd-party review

BENGALURU, DHNS: Amid growing criticism from several quarters over the steep cost of hiring mechanical sweeping machines, the state government has instructed the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to commission a third-party review of the project's cost. The sudden development comes just two days after the government had issued an order, formalising the state Cabinet's decision of renting 46 sweeping machines at Rs 613 crore.

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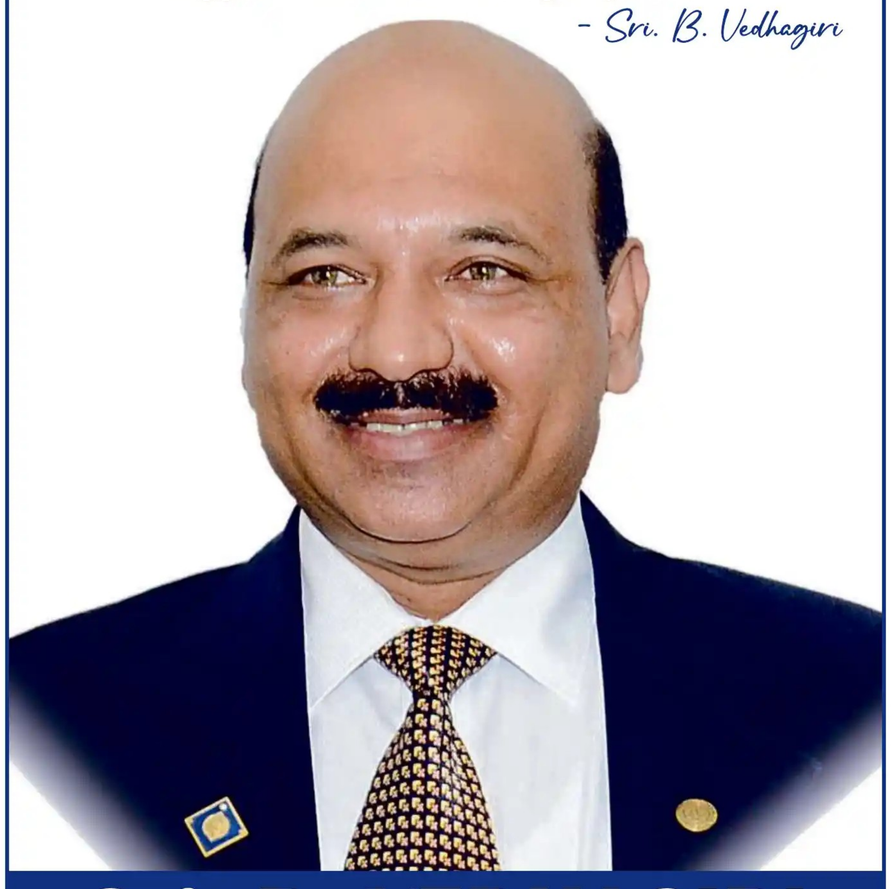

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Minister: Won't neglect unused govt schools

Madhu Bangarappa

Government schools merged with Karnataka Public Schools will not be abandoned, but will be given to registered organisations for productive use, School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa said on Friday.

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2 held for sharing naval info with Pak

The Udupi police have arrested two men from Uttar Pradesh on charges of illegally sharing classified information related to Indian Navy vessels to Pakistan. The arrested are Rohith (29) and Santri (37), both from Sultanpur in UP and contract workers with Udupi Cochin Shipyard.

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Hold KSCA polls on Dec 7, says High Court

Polls to the managing committee of Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) shall be held on December 7, the Karnataka High Court ordered on Friday. Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while quashing the November 17 letter issued by KSCA electoral officer postponing the elections.

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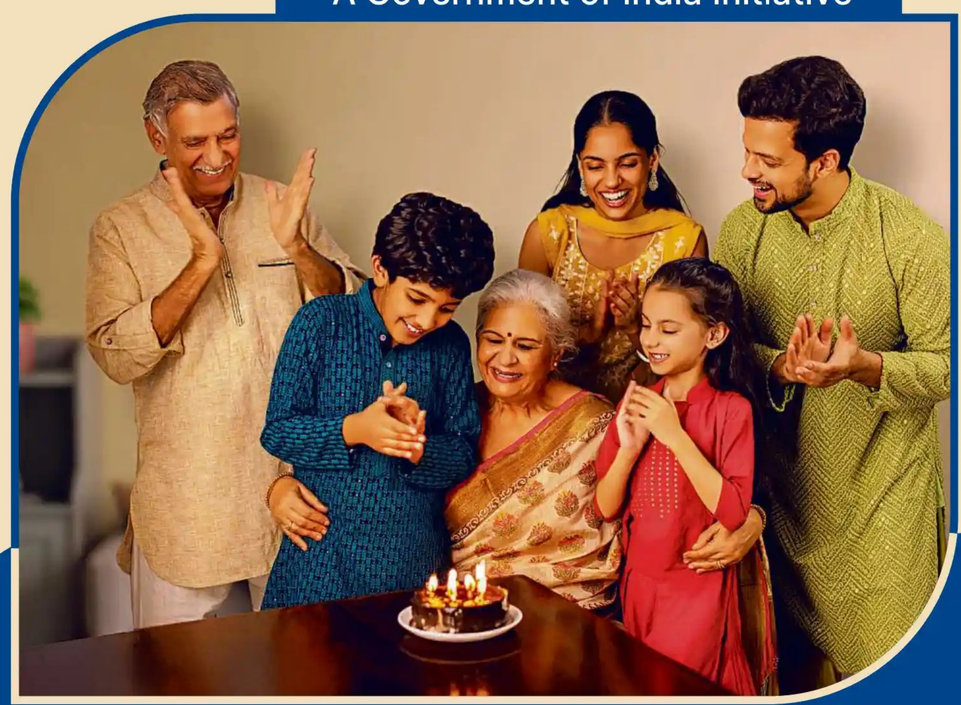

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MS student visiting from Germany dies in late-night bike crash

BENGALURU, DHNS

An accident claimed the life of a 27-year-old student pursuing his Master's degree in Germany, who had returned to his hometown of Nelamangala last week for a friend's wedding.

He succumbed to grievous injuries on Friday, four days after his motorcycle crashed into a streetlight pole.

The accident occurred at 11.10 pm on Monday, shortly after Tejas Gowda left his friend's wedding reception.

Tejas Gowda

Nelamangala traffic police said that he was allegedly speeding when he lost control of the bike. The vehicle struck the streetlight pole on the road divider near the KEB office in Nelamangala.

The impact caused serious injuries to his head and chest.

Police suspect he was not wearing a helmet at the time of the collision.

The critically injured Tejas was taken to a private hospital, but he died on Friday.

A case has been registered at the Nelamangala Traffic Police Station.

Biker molests woman techie on Indiranagar 100 Ft Rd

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 31-year-old woman techie lodged a complaint alleging that an unidentified biker misbehaved with her on 100 Feet Road in Indiranagar.

The incident occurred on Sunday around 10 pm on 10th Main Road.

The complaint states that the biker rode close to the woman and touched her in an inappropriate manner, causing her distress. As she tried to raise an alarm, he fled.

The woman approached the Indiranagar police on Thursday and filed a complaint. Investigating officers are verifying CCTV footage to identify the biker, but they have no clue yet as the visuals are unclear.

Speaking to *DH*, the victim who works in an IT company said, "I had come to a nearby hotel to have a cup of tea and was returning home when the incident happened. The biker was wearing a helmet, and he slowed down right behind me."

"I was numb after the incident. I had to rush as I was in a hurry to attend to some personal work. I took four days to file a case and the police immediately registered an FIR and assured that they would catch the suspect."

Second such case

This is the second such incident in Indiranagar.

On November 3, a man allegedly flashed at a woman during her morning walk. The accused is still at large.

Drunk man plunges into canal at Silk Board, flees after rescue

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 35-year-old Nepali plunged into a storm water canal near Silk Board Junction on Friday morning.

A dramatic rescue followed.

The man, identified by police as Ram Bahadur, was drunk when he fell into the deep canal around 10 am.

The swift intervention of police personnel and construction workers engaged in nearby bridge work proved crucial in saving the man's life.

With the help of the workers' machinery, the rescue team used a crane to lift Bahadur from the drain.

However, the incident took an unexpected turn after the rescue. Police confirmed that as they prepared to take Bahadur to a nearby hospital for a medical check-up, he promptly left the scene.

"He immediately walked away from the spot after he realised he would be taken to the hospital," a police officer said.

Ram Bahadur spotted floating in the Silk Board canal on Friday.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

State-level HR Professionals' 9th Kannada Conference by Niratanka: 'Values, Innovation and the Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Human Resources and Industrial Relations'; Sadhu Kokila, BC Prabhakar, SN Murthy to attend; The Chancery Pavilion; 9 am.

150 Years of 'Vande Mataram': Celebration by VeenaVani School of Music; Vijay Prakash, R Ashoka to attend; MLA Office, Padmanabhanagar; 10 am.

Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations: ST Somashekar, Baraguru Ramachandrappa to attend; Government First Grade College, Kengeri Upanagar; 11 am.

67th Akashvani Music Conference by All India Radio: Dr CN Manjunath, Ashok S, MB Hariharan Lakshmi Nagaraj to attend; Purandara Bhavana; 6 pm.

RELIGIOUS

Yakshaprashne religious discourse: Raghavendra Seva Samiti; Chandrashekhara Acharya to attend; Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Malleswaram; 7 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with light rain

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	28.0°C
Minimum	19.0°C
Rainfall	--
Humidity	84%
Sunset (Nov 22)	5:50 pm
Sunrise (Nov 23)	6:21 am
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Water Supply Department
Tender Cell
"Extension of Tender Period"

The Pune Municipal Corporation is extending the deadline for the work mentioned below from the concerned department. All details regarding the tender terms, conditions, and related information are provided in the tender documents, which are available online for free viewing.

Tender Sale Period : From 22/11/2025 to 06/12/2025 up to 2:30 PM
Tender Submission Period : From 22/11/2025 to 06/12/2025 up to 2:30 PM
Tender Opening Date : 08/12/2025 at 3:00 PM

Sr. No.	Department Name	Tender Number
1.	Water Supply Department	PMC/WATER_SUPPLY/2025/349

1. Sale and submission of the above tenders is being conducted only online through the website:
https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
2. All other content will remain the same as previously published.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Parvati Water Works
Pune Municipal Corporation

Advt. No. 3/1298 Dt. 21/11/2025

Office of the Executive Engineer
Road Construction Department,
Road Division, Chaibasa
eercdchaibasa-jhr@nic.in

Short E-Procurement Notice
E-tender Reference No. : RCD/CHAIBASA/2025-26/10
Date : 20.11.2025

1.	Name of Work	IRQP work of Chaibasa-Bypass Road (MDR-177) from Km 0.00 to 4.20 Km (Total Length- 4.20 Km) under Road Division, Chaibasa for the year 2025-26.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs 3,53,66,100.00 (Three Crore Fifty Three Lacs Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred) Only.
3.	Time of Completion	03 (Three) Months
4.	Date of Publication of Tender On Website	26.11.2025 at 11.30 AM
5.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids.	17.12.2025 Up to 3.00 P.M.
6.	Date of Opening of Bid	18.12.2025 at 03:30 A.M.
7.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Office of the Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Chaibasa
8.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	7781899686
9.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-3510880

* Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtender.gov.in

Executive Engineer
RCD, Road Division, Chaibasa

PR 366677 West Singhbhum (25-26)_D

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

ई– अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई–निविदा सं0 :– **RDSPL/SD/HZB/26/2025-26**

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

ग्रुप सं0	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	प्रखण्ड	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1.	**RDSPL/SD/HZB/26/2025-26**	सदर	जगदीषपुर बीटी रोड से सिवाने नदी होते हुए ईचाक बीटी रोड को जोड़ने हेतु पीसीसी पथ निर्माण।	21920700.00	438500.00	10000.00	09 माह

2.वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 28.11.2025
3.ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 28.11.2025 से दिनांक 05.12.2025 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4.ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग
5.ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –06.12.2025 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे
6.ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग
7.ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9430154806
8.परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,
हजारीबाग

PR 366702 (Rural Development)25-26*D

विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

कमांक:–विशा/स्टोर/2025–25(420), दिनांक–14.11.2025

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धिपत्र

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना कमांक **SB/Store/2025-25 (308), Dated-30.09.2025** द्वारा **Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)-23 Nos.** के क्रय हेतु. ई–निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा में क्रय किये जाने वाले उपरोक्त उपकरण के **समय सारणी** में आंशिक संशोधन के संबंध में **"शुद्धिपत्र" (Corrigendum)** जारी किया गया है जो website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app पर विभाग की वेबसाईट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

अतिरिक्त पुलिस अधीक्षक,
(प्रशासन), वि.शा. पु.मु. भोपाल

G-21716/25

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय प्रपत्र संख्या–01
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल,जामताड़ा

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–06/F2/2025-26/WRD/M.I.Division,Jamtara दिनांक–21.11.2025
विभाग का नाम :– जल संसाधन (लघु सिंचाई) विभाग,झारखण्ड
विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियन्ता लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल,जामताड़ा
कार्य की विवरणी

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	प्रखण्ड	निविदा की राशि (प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	कालुडीह जोरिया पर श्रृंखलाबद्ध चेकडैम का निर्माण।	फतेहपुर	201.319	4,03,000.00	10000.00	11 माह
2	महेशपुर जोरिया पर चेकडैम का निर्माण।	कुण्डहित	53.134	1,07,000.00	10000.00	11 माह
3	सुखजोड़ा जोरिया पर श्रृंखलाबद्ध चेकडैम का निर्माण।	जामताड़ा	122.53	2,46,000.00	10000.00	11 माह
4	रानीटांड़ रंगामटिया केन्दुआटांड़ टोला चिराटांड़ जोरिया पर श्रृंखलाबद्ध चेकडैम का निर्माण	करमाटाँड़	102.775	2,06,000.00	10000.00	11 माह
5	चिहुटिया जोरिया पर एकल चेकडैम का निर्माण	नारायणपुर	71.965	1,44,000.00	10000.00	11 माह
6	मधुबन जोरिया पर एकल चेकडैम का निर्माण	नाला	71.403	1,43,000.00	10000.00	11 माह
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि	दिनांक–28.11.2025 (पूर्वाहन् 10:30 बजे से)				
3	ई–निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक–13.12.2025 (अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक)				
4	ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक–15.12.2025 (अपराह्न 12:30 बजे से)				
5	निविदा आमंत्रण करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल,जामताड़ा				
6	निविदा से संबंधित जानकारी हेतु मोबाईल नंम्बर	8405978740				
7	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन नंम्बर	0651-2491232				

नोटः– केवल ई–निविदा स्वीकृत होगा। प्राक्कलित राशि धट/बढ सकती है। निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा ही स्वीकार्य होगी। निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा,उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बन्द कर दिया जाता है,तो सारी जबावदेही निविदादाता की होगी। राज्य सरकार के द्वारा निर्गत सभी अध्यतन आदेश/परिपत्र लागू होगें। अन्य सूचनाएँ वेवसाईट https//www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल,जामताड़ा

PR 366755 Minor Irrigation(25-26)#D

एसजेवीएन लिमिटेड SJVN Limited
(भारत सरकार एवं हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार का संयुक्त उपक्रम)
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of H.P.)
नवरत्न सीपीएसई A NAVRATNA CPSE
CIN : L40101HP1988GOI008409

NATHPA JHAKRI HYDRO POWER STATION

PRESS NOTICE
E-Tender No. PCD-2953 (CIVIL)/2025

Online bids (e-tender) on Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) are invited on behalf of SJVN Limited. for, **"River training works in the Satluj River near TRT outfall gate area of NJHPS between RD 880.0 m U/s to 1300.0 m D/s in view of Sediment and debris accumulation for effective flow management and flood risk mitigation.". For details, please visit websites www.sjvn.nic.in, www.etender.sjvn.co.in & www.eprocure.gov.in.**

Last date for downloading of bid documents is 12.12.2025 (12:00 Hrs.).

Last date for bid submission is 13.12.2025 (13:00 Hrs.).

Amendment (s), if any, shall be issued on above websites only.

HOD (P&C deptt.)
NJHPS, SJVN Limited, Jhakri, Shimla, H.P.-172201

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
ELECTRICAL WORK

Tender No. SUR/TD/T/2025/28. The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website **www.ireps.gov.in** from reputed, experienced & licensed Electrical contractors for the following works. **Name of Work**: Electrical TRD portion of work in connection with 1) Proposal for conversion of Tramway OHE to conventional OHe in Solapur Division. 2) Wadi yard -Shifting of point & Starter signals by 40 m towards Solapur end for increasing CSL fo NRD lines. **Estimated Cost**: ₹ 2,79,90,701.48. **Bid Security**: ₹ 2,90,000/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Validity of offer:** 60 Days. **Date & time of tender closing on website**: **23.12.2025** at **15:00 hours**.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD)
Akar/Sur-76 CR, Solapur

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD)
Akar/Sur-77 CR, Solapur

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MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
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- **www.dbtindia.gov.in**
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Last date for receipt of applications: 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

CBC 36301/11/0007/2526

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल,चाईबासा।

अल्पकालीन ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–WRD/MID/CHAIBASA/ SBD-02/2025-26(DMFT)

1. कार्य का नाम :–

ग्रुप संख्या	योजना का नाम	जिला	प्रखण्ड	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रूपये में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	रोलाडीह पंचायत में दोकट्टा से गोरेयाबासा होते हुए मेरोमहोनोर पिन्डगी सिन्दरी तक पी०सी०सी० सड़क निर्माण।	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम।	मंझारी	279.030	10,000.00	280000.00	11 माह
2.	ईटिहासा पंचायत के गाजीडीह के उँचिबीता नाला में गार्डवाल का निर्माण।	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम।	चक्रधरपुर	371.314	10,000.00	371500.00	11 माह
3.	सुरबुड़ा पंचायत के ग्राम–लक्ष्मीपोसी के नदी किनारे खेत श्री संजीत बांकिरा के खेत जगह पर गार्डवाल का निर्माण।	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम।	चक्रधरपुर	255.637	10,000.00	256000.00	11 माह
4.	बन्गाव प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत जलासार पंचायत के ग्राम जलासार के मुख्य पथ से बहाबुरू होते हुए पी०सी०सी० पथ निर्माण।	पश्चिमी सिंहभूम।	बन्दगांव	369.944	10,000.00	370000.00	11 माह

नोट :– केवल ई०–निविदा(Online Mode) ही स्वीकार होगा।
2. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट WWW.jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखें।
3. बेवसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय :– 05.12.2025 के 11:00 बजे पूर्वाहन् से।
4. ई०–निविदा में भाग लेने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– 11.12.2025 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक।
5. ई०–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– 12.12.2025 को 04:00 बजे अपराह्न ।
6. परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस विभाग झारखण्ड मंत्रालय, धुर्वा, राँची के आदेश सह ज्ञापांक 120, दिनांक 03.10.2023 के अनुरूप (Online) प्राप्त की जायेगी।
7. निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम, पता , दूरभाष सं0 एवं ई0मेल आई डी0– कार्यपालक अभियंता , लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा/9471742851 ई0मेल – eemidchaibasa@gmail.com, eemidchai-cemr-jhr@nic.in
8. निविदा के B.O.Q की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदानुसार B.O.Q के मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि में बदलाव होगा ।
9. प्राक्कलित राशि का 10 प्रतिशत से अधीक के दर से निविदित (Quoted rate is more than 10% below the schedule rate) के परिपेक्ष में पथ निर्माण विभाग झारखण्ड राँची के पत्रांक 2146(S) दिनांक 09.09.2020 के शर्तावली के अनुसार अतिरिक्त जमानत की राशि एकरारनामा करने के समय जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा ।
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E-Tender Notice No. CON/2025/ OCT/04 Dated: 24-10-2025. Open tender through e-Tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed contractor (s)/firm (s) for the following works. **Tender No. CE/ CON/KJG/MIS/2025/01. Name of work:** Geotechnical investigation, conducting various test of soil as per Railway guidelines, preparing Geotechnical reports including design of viaduct, design of Important bridges, Major bridges, Major RUBs, ROBs, Minor bridges, Minor RUBs, design of Railway Embankment & Retaining wall in connection with Kokrajhar- Gelephu New BG Railway Line Project. **Approx. Value:** ₹14,96,38,209.61/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹ 8,98,200/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** At **14.30** hrs. **& opening at 15.30** hrs. on **11-12-2025**. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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Sl. No.	Tender No.	Closing Date	Brief Description	Quantity	EMD amount (₹)
1	IG255210D	15.12.2025	Digital Radiography System, (As per attached Specification)	01 no.	1,70,000
2	38251568A	08.12.2025	37mm Packing for height adjustment of CASNUB Bogie	5304 nos.	88,830
3	33251487A	26.12.2025	Secondary Spring for LHB Coaches (outer) etc.	116 nos.	1,15,120
4	33253044A	22.12.2025	Secondary Spring Generator Car Side 2 (Outer) etc.	260 nos.	3,03,030
5	29251002A	11.12.2025	Tablet PC type Fog Pilot Assistance System	545 nos.	5,83,930
6	25253609A	15.12.2025	Silicone Rubber Compound	11743Kgs.	1,33,270
7	25253610B	18.12.2025	Panto Mounting Insulator	1601 nos.	2,87,160
8	33253225	29.12.2025	Feeder Junction Box suitable for LHB type coaches etc.	220 nos.	3,14,570
9	33253090A	05.01.2026	Brake Disc for Wheel Set	317 nos.	2,75,990
10	33253434A	24.12.2025	Air Spring assembly capacity 160 KN	100 nos.	11,21,640
11	31255008	08.01.2026	Traction Motor TM 4303 by complete	06 nos.	5,09,970

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BMRCL gets new director (P&P)

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has appointed Subrahmanya Gudge as its new Director (Project and Planning).

Subrahmanya Gudge

A long-time BMRCL official, Gudge joined the organisation in 2007. He has primarily worked on the underground metro lines.

Before this, he served the PSU Indian Railway Construction (Ircon) International Limited and the Konkan Railway in Bhatkal and Honnavar.

4-storey commercial complex to rise above Nagawara metro station

BMRCL plans multi-level parking hub beside it, invites EoIs

MUTHI-UR-RAHMAN SIDDIQUI
BENGALURU, DHNS

A four-storey commercial complex spread over nearly six acres is set to rise above the Nagawara metro station on the Pink Line in northeastern Bengaluru.

A multi-level parking facility covering 3,225.73 square metres will also come up next to the underground station.

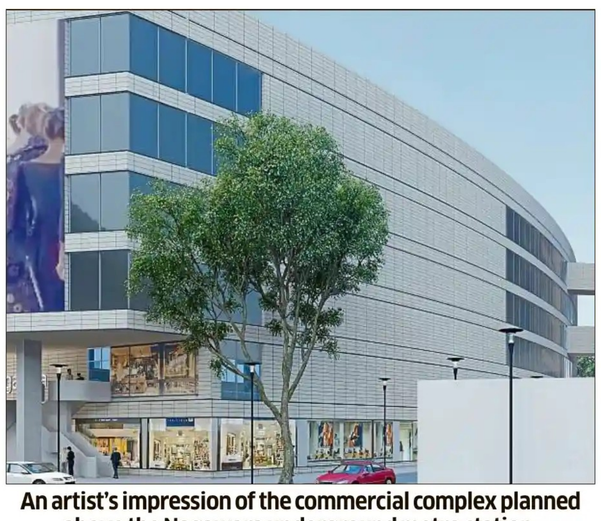
On Friday, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) invited Expressions of Interest (EoI) from reputable developers, corporate firms, co-working operators, and retail or mall chains to develop 23,392.24 square metres (5.7 acres) of built-up area across four floors at the Nagawara metro station.

The first two floors have been structurally completed with columns, beams and slabs (side walls are pending), while the remaining two floors will be completed in 8-10 months, the BMRCL stated.

The space is suitable for Grade 'A' offices, co-working hubs or premium shopping malls, with scope for incorporating dedicated lifts and escalators from the concourse and platform levels of the metro station, it added.

The station, expected to open by December 2026, is close to Embassy Manyata Business Park, Karle Town Centre and other tech centres.

Nagawara will also offer airport connectivity through an elevated station on the Blue Line, which is slated to open by December 2027. The elevated station is being built above the Outer Ring Road (ORR) flyover, and both stations' concourses will be directly connected.



An artist's impression of the commercial complex planned above the Nagawara underground metro station.

Commercial development
(in square metres)
Total: 23,392.24

6,835.57	6,721.03	4,677.02	5,158.62
First floor	Second floor	Third floor	Fourth floor

Multi-level parking

A 3,225.73-square metre multi-level parking facility will be built adjacent to the Nagawara underground station on Thanisandra Main Road.

The parking area will be divided into two sections of 1,927.94 sqm and 1,297.79 sqm, with capacity to park 615 cars and 161 two-wheelers.

A senior BMRCL official said the EoI aimed to gather inputs from industry leaders, and a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be invited later.

The BMRCL will evaluate all EoIs and, based on the concepts and feedback received, may finalise the development model and issue a formal tender. The tender will incorporate relevant features from the EoI process to align with market expectations and long-term viability, it added.

The last date to submit EoIs is December 15.

This is the third property development project announced by the BMRCL this year.

The corporation has already planned an 11-storey commercial building with basement parking on a 1.66-acre parcel near the KR Puram metro station. At Majestic, it plans to develop over one million square metres of commercial space and its largest parking facility on a 31,920-sqm site above the metro station.

Property development is part of the BMRCL's strategy to increase non-fare revenue to about 15% of its farebox revenue.

HC grants partial relief to Revanna, sets aside offence under IPC Sec 344

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a partial relief to former minister and JD (S) leader H D Revanna, the Karnataka high court has set aside the offence under IPC section 354 (outraging the woman's modesty) in a complaint filed by his former house maid.

Justice M I Arun passed this order while upholding charge against Revanna under IPC Section 354A (sexual harassment) and directed the trial court to examine if this charge can be invoked despite the lapse of limitation period as prescribed under CrPC Section 468.

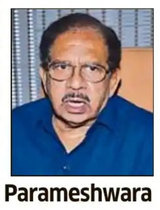
Revanna had moved the high court challenging the FIR registered against him. During the pendency of his petition, the police had filed the charge sheet and the trial court had taken cognisance of the offences pressed against him.

During the hearing, the advocate for Revanna relied upon CrPC section 468 which bars a court from taking cognizance of an offence and the specific time for an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding one year but not exceeding three years.

After examining the complaint and the charge sheet filed by the police, the court noted that the allegations made in the complaint attract the provision of IPC Section 354A of IPC and not Section 354. Since Section 354A is punishable with maximum three years and the charge is hit by limitation as prescribed under CrPC Section 468, the court remanded the matter back to the trial court to consider whether it is a fit case to condone the delay and pass appropriate orders in respect of the offence under IPC Section 354A.

Cash van heist: Arrest imminent, says home minister

BENGALURU, DHNS: As pressure mounted on the police to crack the Rs 7.11-crore robbery case, Home Minister G Parameshwara on Friday said the arrest of the accused was imminent.



Parameshwara

Briefing reporters in Bengaluru, he said investigators were following important leads.

"I do not want to divulge anything now, as the probe is in progress and it may alert the suspects. The BJP will say a lot of things. I will reveal what has happened during their government. We are a responsible government and we will catch them," the minister said.

He added that once the perpetrators were caught, many things, including whether it was an insider job, would become clear.

When *DH* asked senior Bengaluru police officers, they denied reports that a police constable was among those picked up for questioning. They maintained that the investigation was underway and that the suspects had not yet been arrested.

Meanwhile, while checking the Innova car left behind by the robbers in Andhra Pradesh, police learnt that the number plate had been switched to a Uttar Pradesh registration from a Karnataka registration soon after they fled Bengaluru after the heist. Police strongly suspect that the robbers are holed up in Andhra Pradesh.

Infosys Foundation announces Aarohan Innovation Awards

BENGALURU, DHNS: Infosys Foundation, the philanthropic and CSR wing of Infosys, announced the winners of the fourth edition of the Aarohan Social Innovation Awards on Friday.

Launched in 2018, the award aims to recognise individuals and groups developing breakthrough solutions for social good in Education, Healthcare, and Environmental Sustainability.

This year, the winners of the award in the field of education are Rajesh A Rao, Ravindra S Rao, and Deepa L B Rajeev from Bengaluru, who developed "Connecting the Dots," an interactive learning program designed to teach STEM and spoken English to government school students from grades six to 10.

Chitranjan Singh and Robin Singh from New Delhi received the award for healthcare. They have developed "CLUIX C012," a portable AI- and IoT-enabled water-quality analyser that generates real-time, GPS-tagged reports. It tests 14 key parameters to identify waterborne diseases within 30 minutes.

In the field of Environmental Sustainability, Rahul Suresh Bakare and Vinit Moreshwar Phadnis from Pune have been chosen. The duo developed 'Borecharger', the world's first robotic artificial borewell-recharge technique that can inject four to 80 lakh litres of rainwater into existing borewells annually.

The winners were chosen by a jury, from about 2,000 entries. Each winner receives a cash prize of Rs 50 lakh.

The jury recognised five social innovations and awarded their creators prize money of Rs 10 lakh each. These innovations include Sukoon, Comprehensive Wildlife Management Platform, Project Bindu, CERVICHECK, and Hexis & Iris.

NO FISHING PLEASE

Visitors amazed by a variety of fish at the Fish Fair-2025 organised by Fisheries Department as part of the World Fisheries Day, in Bengaluru on Friday. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN

S'mogga conspiracy case: NIA court awards 6-yr RI to 2 convicts

BENGALURU, DHNS: A special court for National Investigation Agency (NIA) cases on Friday convicted two persons - Zabiulla alias Mohammed Zabiulla alias Charbi and Nadeem Faizal N alias Nadeem Faizal - in the Shivamogga conspiracy case. Judge Kemparaju sentenced the convicts to six years' rigorous imprisonment for offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, IPC and Karnataka Prevention of Destruction and Loss of Property Act.

The conspiracy had come to light after the murder of a youth Prem Singh from Rajasthan in Shivamogga city during the Independence Day celebrations in 2022. During the investigation, the police found that a conspiracy was hatched by the accused to further the terror activities of banned terrorist organisation Islamic State (IS) and to disturb the unity, security and sovereignty of the country.

After registering a separate FIR in this case, the matter was transferred to the NIA. The NIA probe revealed that Zabiulla recruited his friend Nadeem Faizal on the instructions of Mohamed Shariq. The NIA stated that the three had conducted recce to carry out arson of vehicles and properties of individuals belonging to the Hindu community to cause damage to the monetary stability with an intention to wage war against the country. The court directed Chief Superintendents of Central Prison, Vijayapura and Shivamogga to transfer the convicts to the Central Prison, Bengaluru to serve sentence.

Bike taxi drivers seek personal hearing with minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

Bike taxi drivers in Karnataka have sought a personal hearing with Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, insisting that they must be included in consultations that affect their livelihood.

The state has banned bike taxis since June 16, in line with a high court directive. Ride-hailing firms Uber, Ola and Rapido have filed writ appeals against the single-bench order. The next hearing is on November 24.

The Namma Bike Taxi Association wrote a letter to Reddy on November 20 after an 11-member government committee headed by Transport Secretary N V Prasad submitted its report to the high court.

The report justified a complete ban on bike taxis, calling them "illegal, unsafe and harmful to the future of Bengaluru's transport ecosystem". It, however, recommended allowing private two-wheelers to continue operating for e-commerce deliveries.

The report noted that even if bike taxis are banned, livelihoods will not be affected because riders can shift to delivery/logistics work. It also claimed that bike taxis "harm" students' interests.

The association asserted that a complete ban on bike taxis "does not align with ground realities".

Noting that delivery platforms are already overcrowded, the association said that if the lakhs of bike taxi riders were forced to shift into the same sector at once, there would not be sufficient income for anyone.

"Our biggest concern is that workers who will be directly affected by these decisions were not consulted at any stage during the preparation of the report," it said and asked that drivers be given an opportunity to present their views.

The association urged the government to immediately implement the revised aggregatory policy and introduce a regulatory framework recognising bike taxis as a legal commercial transport service. It also sought social security coverage for bike taxi riders under the Gig Workers Act, 2025.

"We are ready to follow every rule, but first, let the government make the rules. No one spoke to us when our livelihoods were being taken away. A fair process means giving drivers a voice before deciding our future," association president Mohammed Salim said.

In its November 19 letter to the transport secretary, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) also sought public consultations before the government finalises its stance on bike axis.

Stadium stampede: HC bins event mgmt firm's plea against judicial probe

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka High Court on Friday dismissed the petition filed by event management company DNA Entertainment Networks, challenging the judicial inquiry by retired high court judge John Michael Cunha into the June 4 M Chinnaswamy Stadium stampede incident which claimed 11 lives.

A division bench, comprising Justices D K Singh and Tara Vitasta Ganju, dismissed the petition filed by DNA Networks. The order copy is yet to be released.

The commission had submitted its report to the state government on July 11, 2025. The advocate for the petitioner submitted that the excerpts of the inquiry report have appeared in the media. As per the media reports, the commission has recommended action against the officials of Royal Challengers Sports Pvt Ltd (RCSPL), Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) and petitioner DNA, the event management company.

The company contended that the terms of reference in the notification constituting the commission of inquiry, nowhere empowered the commission to make recommendations for initiating action.

The company submitted that the inquiry report was submitted in haste. According to the petitioner, the government tried to absolve itself from the responsibility and redirected the blame to others.

KIA first Indian airport to secure Level 3 accessibility accreditation

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has become the first airport in India to receive Level 3 accreditation under the Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation (AEA) programme of the Airports Council International (ACI).

The airport progressed from Level 1 in December 2024 to Level 3 in December 2025.

According to a press note from the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), the upgrade was achieved through enhanced digital accessibility, strengthened partnerships, expanded training and awareness programmes, and the integration of universal design principles.

Recent inclusive initiatives at the airport include joint autism awareness programmes with airlines, passenger co-creation sessions with Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRMs), caregivers and accessibility experts, specialised training modules for airport staff, concessionaires to improve empathy and service standards, and the rollout of a comprehensive accessibility policy.

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Safai Karmachari panel chief warns GBA over delayed wages

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chairman of Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission P Raghu on Friday warned Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) officials against harassing pourakarmikas, garbage auto drivers, and helpers by delaying wages.

At an interaction with pourakarmikas, loaders, cleaners and drivers of the Bengaluru West corporation at Govindarajanagar, Raghu called for strict action against officials responsible for such lapses, stressing that harassment of sanitation staff would not be tolerated.

Civil servant Anjinamma highlighted technical errors in appointment orders, including wrong entries for date and place of birth.

West Corporation Commissioner K V Rajendra assured that a special camp would be organised swiftly with revenue and social welfare departments to rectify the errors. Concerns were raised over workers allegedly being threatened with dismissal for refusing to sort garbage. The commissioner instructed supervisors to ensure such incidents stop immediately.

Raghu also called on senior officials to provide timely assistance in cases of physical assault and verbal abuse by the public against workers.

HC orders notice to govt in PIL against tree-felling plans in Jnanabharathi

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka High Court on Friday ordered notice to the state government and others in a PIL that challenged new tree-felling proposals and land allotments within the Jnanabharathi campus.

The division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha posted the matter for further consideration on December 9.

The petition filed by Swayam Jagruti Seva Trust and Parvathi Sriram, a Bengaluru resident, stated that the Jnanabharathi campus of the Bangalore University, spread over about 1,112 acres, was a significant green space often called an "unsung carbon sink", highlighting its value as a vital natural ecosystem.

Green space under threat

The petitioners submitted that the campus faced imminent ecological threat due to large-scale diversion of forest land for construction projects, including the PM-USHA Project, Ambedkar Theme Park, UVCE new campus, and buildings for external institutions such as the Council of Architecture.

The petition stated that these activities involved the cutting of hundreds of mature trees in green zones such as Bio-Reserve Park-2 (BR-2), where about 419 trees were proposed to be felled.

In respect of the land allotted to the PM-USHA programme, 228 trees were to be retained on-site, 54 to be translocated, and 138 permitted for felling, as per the order.

The petition stated that Bangalore University had sought permission to cut trees in the BR-2 area, about 6.5 acres, for PM-USHA Project, funded by the University Grants Commission.

The petitioners submitted that this threatened an ecologically evolved area that could not be naturally regenerated once destroyed.

They further stated that although the Karnataka Biodiversity Board held a special meeting on June 26 and recommended that the Jnanabharathi campus be declared a biodiversity heritage site, no formal notification had been issued.

Directions sought

They sought directions to state government and university not to allocate further land within the campus and to restrain the authorities from proceeding with the proposal to cut trees.

In the alternative, they sought a direction to the authorities to utilise 35 acres of land, recovered from encroachment in the campus, for the development of Bangalore University or the PM-USHA project.

Man jumps into well with 2 kids, father over 'mounting debts'

DHARWAD, DHNS: In a tragic incident, four members of a family died by suicide after jumping into an open well at Chikkamalligawad village near Dharwad on Friday.

The deceased have been identified as Vithal Shindhe (80), his son Narayana Shindhe (42)and Narayana's son Shivakumar (12) and daughter Shrindhi (11).

According to preliminary information, Narayana left home on Friday morning on the pretext of dropping his children to school. He took his father along and halted near a well close to the Yellamma Temple, where he allegedly pushed his children into the well and later jumped into it along with his father. Financial distress is said to have driven him to take the extreme step.

The incident came to light when cowherds noticed the bodies floating in the well and alerted the villagers, who then informed the Dharwad Rural Police.

Narayana was employed at a bakery in Dharwad, while his wife Shilpa worked as a caretaker for an elderly woman in the city. She had left for work before the incident occurred. Family members said Narayana had been under severe stress due to mounting debts.

A case has been registered at Dharwad Rural Police Station, and investigation is on.

Shortage of BCM hostels curtails education of students

Of 15,938 aspirants only 1,690 get seats in Dharwad district

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DHARWAD, DHNS

The districts known for their robust educational infrastructure are struggling with an acute shortage of hostel facilities under the Backward Classes and Minorities (BCM) Department.

This year, the BCM Department has received over three lakh applications for hostel seats of which more than two lakh applications are for Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, Mysuru, Davangere, Bengaluru and Kalaburagi. But, as per the officials in the department, only 40,000 seats are available in these districts.

The BCM Department currently runs 1,258 post-matric hostels, including 566 boys' hostels and 692 girls' hostels, with a total intake capacity of 1,68,833 students - 76,744 boys and 92,089 girls. Despite multiple appeals to expand facilities, the government has only given in-principle approval for 150 new hostels, falling significantly short of actual demand.

This shortfall has had a severe impact on poor and deserving students, particularly those from rural taluks of North Karnataka and the Mysuru region. According to BCM officials, the shortage of seats is a perennial issue, with thousands of applicants rejected every year due to lack of accommodation.

While the problem is not equally severe across all districts, areas such as Hubballi-Dharwad, Mysuru, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Davangere, and Bengaluru - which are home to numerous universities and premier institutions - face an acute crisis.

The newly constructed post-matric hostel for girls in Davangere. The Backward Classes and Minority Department currently runs 1,258 post-matric hostels, including 566 boys' hostels and 692 girls' hostels, with a total intake capacity of 1,68,833 students. DH FILE PHOTO

This year alone, 15,938 students from Backward Classes and minority communities applied for hostel accommodation in Dharwad district, but only 1,690 were admitted. Meaning over 90% were denied seats. A similar crisis is unfolding in Kalaburagi and Belagavi, where more than 18,000 students in each district are still waiting for admissions.

Overcrowding in existing hostels has worsened the situation. Rooms meant for four or five students are accommodating seven or eight. Complaints about unhygienic food and irregular supply of essential items such as soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are also widespread.

Cities like Dharwad, Hubballi, and Belagavi, which have become educational hubs, naturally attract students from other districts. However, with government hostel seats out of reach, many are being forced into expensive private hostels and PG accommodations. Unable to bear the high costs, some students are abandoning their studies altogether.

Arvind Gangappa, a student from Gangavati in Koppal district, sharing his distress, said, "My parents paid for a private PG room for two or three months, assuming I would get a government hostel seat. It has been three months, and I still haven't been allotted one. My parents are now asking me to return home and work in a factory. I simply cannot afford the private PG charges."

Acknowledging the issue, BCM officer H Bhanumati said that the demand for hostel seats is exceptionally high, not only in Hubballi and Dharwad but across the state. "We are unable to provide seats to all eligible candidates. However, we have submitted a proposal for 28 new hostels in Dharwad district, particularly in the twin cities, as there is minimal demand for BCM hostels in taluk-level locations," she said.

Deve Gowda to continue as nat'l president of JD(S)

BENGALURU, DHNS

The National Council of the JD(S) on Friday unanimously re-elected former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda as the party's national president. Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H D Kumaraswamy, who was serving as the interim president of the party's state unit, was formally elected as the president of the Karnataka JD(S).

Sources in the party said that the decision to elect Gowda and Kumaraswamy were taken with an eye on exploring options at the national level. Although Nikhil Kumaraswamy's name was floated as the potential president of the Karnataka JD(S), Kumaraswamy, no less, is learnt to have dismissed the suggestion, wary of such a move prompting barbs of nepotism.

JD(S) Floor Leader in the Assembly C B Suresh Babu proudly pointed to the regional party's relevance in Karnataka politics for the past 25 years.

Attributing the party's strength to the indefatigable efforts of Gowda and Kumaraswamy, Babu added, "We have a large cadre. The former PM built and nurtured the party, to which he has dedicated his entire life. The National Council decided that these two leaders must head the JD(S) when the party is commemorating its silver jubilee."

Nikhil's state-wide tour aimed at strengthening the JD(S) at the grassroots is in full swing, as is the party's membership drive, said Babu. "Party leaders commended Nikhil's organisational abilities," he added.

Major resolutions

Of the two resolutions adopted by the JD(S) National Council, one reaffirms its commitment to the welfare of farmers, while the other concerns the party organisation.

The two resolutions are slated to be formally adopted by the party at the National Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, said Babu.

2 UP men held in Udupi for leaking Navy vessel data to Pakistan

UDUPI, DHNS: The Udupi police have arrested two men from Uttar Pradesh on charges of illegally sharing classified information related to Indian Navy vessels with Pakistan, posing a potential threat to national security.

The arrested are Rohith (29) and Santri (37), both from Sultanpur district in Uttar Pradesh. They were working as contractual employees at Udupi Cochin Shipyard. The duo was produced before the court, which remanded them in judicial custody till December 3.

Superintendent of Police Hariram Shankar said preliminary investigations indicate that the duo had been involved in the illegal exchange of sensitive information for at least one and half years.

Prime accused Rohith was earlier employed at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi, where naval ships are built and repaired. The SP said Rohith had unlawfully shared, via WhatsApp, a confidential list of identification numbers of Navy-related ships and other classified details for unlawful gain. After joining the Malpe shipyard, he continued to obtain sensitive information from a friend in Kochi and circulated it to an unauthorised person.

Given the international link and potential threat to India's sovereignty and internal security, national intelligence agencies are expected to join the inquiry. the SP said.

Farmers, under the banner of Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha, submit a memorandum to Tahsildar M N Mathad demanding commencement of maize procurement centre at Savadatti town in Belagavi district on Friday.

Marketing fed directed to purchase 10 lakh tonnes of maize: Chief minister

'Will write a letter to Union government to stop importing maize'

MYSURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said that the state government was taking all measures to support farmers, who are facing a crisis due to drop in the price of maize crop. "The Marketing Federation is directed to start procurement centres soon and buy 10 lakh tonnes of maize from the farmers."

Speaking to media persons here, the CM said that a letter would be written to the Union government to stop importing maize, while urging them to purchase the same from Karnataka.

"I have told the Finance department secretary to hold a meeting of distillery owners urging them to purchase maize from farmers for ethanol production as per the rules. They have bought maize from some markets, violating the rules, when the rates were low. I have asked the Centre's nodal agencies - National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd - to open maize procurement centres soon," he said.

Siddaramaiah said that an MSP of Rs 2,400 per quintal had been fixed for maize, but the procurement centres were yet to be started. "So I held a meeting with the ministers and officials concerned in Bengaluru on Friday morning. The price of maize has dropped. We are expecting an estimated production of 55 lakh tonnes of maize this year in Karnataka. Despite production of maize in different states, including Karnataka, being high, the Union government is importing 70 lakh tonnes. It was not necessary. The farmers are protesting because maize is not purchased from them," he said.

The CM said that they were writing to the Union government to change the FAQ (Fair Average Quality) related to green gram, as some crops are discoloured due to excess rain or rain at the time of harvest. A delegation will visit the officials of the Union government and urge them to increase the subsidy from the existing 4%.

The CM added that during his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently, he discussed the issues faced by sugarcane growers of Karnataka, related to sugarcane price, ethanol, and fixing of MSP. "We have urged the Centre for relief funds under NDRF for crops affected in 12.54 lakh hectares due to rains, and are hopeful that the Centre will respond positively," he added.

N-K farmers up in arms over govt's delay in opening maize purchase centres

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DHARWAD, DHNS

Farmers across North Karnataka, including Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Bagalkot and Vijayapura districts, have expressed strong displeasure over the state government's delay in opening maize procurement centres and initiating purchase under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme.

On Friday, farmers in Dharwad district, under the banner of Raitha Sene Karnataka, launched an indefinite protest in Navalgund taluk. They alleged that heavy monsoon rains had caused extensive crop damage, with nearly 20% of the maize yield either washed away or sprouting in the fields. The remaining produce is now facing a steep price crash.

Although the Centre has fixed the MSP at Rs 2,400 per quintal, traders at APMC markets are quoting only Rs 1,400–Rs 1,600, almost Rs 800 less per quintal.

Green gram, onion and sugarcane also faced similar crisis. Farmers say they have been forced to intensify their protests to "wake the government from its slumber," said Sangha leader Shankar Ambali, adding that the agitation would continue until procurement centres are opened.

Farmers say that heavy monsoon rains had caused extensive crop damage, with nearly 20% of the maize yield either washed away or sprouting in the fields. DH FILE PHOTO

Ambali said that purchases through KMF and NAFED come with strict conditions, often leading to rejection of produce on quality grounds. "Instead, the government should buy maize at the green gram procurement centres. Quality must not become a stringent barrier— they may reduce the price for inferior quality, but procurement should not stop," he asserted.

He also argued that the MSP of Rs 2,400 per quintal fixed by the Centre in 2024, is outdated, as the cost of production has nearly doubled. The MSP should now be revised to Rs 3,000 per quintal, he said. Rigid conditions on moisture content and other parameters would deprive small farmers of MSP benefits, he added.

Former minister Shankar Patil Munenakoppa urged the government to immediately open procurement centres and announce an additional incentive of Rs 600 per quintal over the MSP.

Farmer Sadashiv Bangi from Rabkavi-Banhatti said that traders in Sangli (Maharashtra) are purchasing maize at Rs 1,890 per quintal, while the price in Bagalkot APMC is Rs 200 lower. Under normal conditions, farmers expect 27 quintals per acre, but heavy rains and an extended monsoon have reduced yields by around 20% this year. With market prices plunging, Bangi said it was imperative for the state government to intervene to ensure remunerative prices.

Meanwhile, farmers in Nargund also staged demonstrations, demanding direct procurement of maize under MSP.

Maize crash: Karnataka to talk to distilleries, says CM

BENGALURU, DHNS:: Urging the union government to "immediately curb" maize imports in order to stabilise prices, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said his government would hold talks with major distilleries and ask them to immediately procure the crop for ethanol production.

Siddaramaiah chaired a meeting in the wake of protests by farmers in north Karnataka following a crash in prices of maize.

"Maize production has increased in both Karnataka and the rest of the country. Despite this, the union government has imported 70 lakh metric tonnes of maize, placing a heavy burden on farmers nationwide," Siddaramaiah said. "The quota allotted to Karnataka for producing ethanol from maize is extremely low, resulting in reduced procurement by distilleries," he added.

"Distilleries had stockpiled maize earlier when prices were low, and are now unwilling to buy. This is a clear violation of norms — distilleries must resume procurement as required," Siddaramaiah said.

Siddaramaiah said the union government should "press the concerned agencies" to "quickly procure" eight lakh tonnes of maize. "As domestic production is sufficient, we will write to the Centre urging restrictions on the 70 lakh metric tonnes maize import," he said. "We will also hold discussions with the poultry industry, which has a substantial demand for maize," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh wrote to Union Cooperation Secretary Ashish Kumar Bhutani on these issues.

CCTV camera surveillance on NH through Bandipur forest

GUNDLUPET (CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT), DHNS: In an effort to prevent people from parking their vehicles, taking photos and videos of wild animals, and obstructing their free movement, the Forest Department has installed CCTV cameras on the national highway that passes through Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Those involved in such acts will be penalised.

CCTV cameras have been installed at 10 locations on the highway, from Bandipur to the Kekkanahalla checkpost. As the cameras are solar-powered, there is no need for an electricity supply to operate them. They will function round-the-clock to detect any violations.

Bandipur Conservator of Forest Prabhakaran said the cameras will capture photos and videos of vehicles if they stop on the highway to take pictures or videos of wild animals or attempt to feed them. Officials can monitor the visuals from their office. In case of network failure, the stored photos and clips will be checked later, and action will be taken against those who violate the rules, he said.

Despite caution boards installed along the stretch, some motorists continue to stop their vehicles on the highway. At times, the presence of people irritates the animals, prompting them to attack and leading to man-animal conflict. The cameras have been installed to prevent such incidents, he explained.

CCTV cameras have been installed at 10 locations on the highway, from Bandipur to the Kekkanahalla checkpost. DH PHOTO

No takers among British varsities for SCOUT programme this year

BENGALURU, DHNS: Much to the dismay of students and faculty members of government-run universities in the state, no varsity in the United Kingdom has offered to participate in the Scholars for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent (SCOUT) programme this year.

A collaborative initiative between the Karnataka Department of Higher Education and the British Council, SCOUT was launched in November 2024 with the aim of offering select undergraduate students and teachers a glimpse of university life in the United Kingdom. In all, 30 undergraduate students selected from multiple state-run varsities, along with six faculty members, are given the opportunity to experience first-hand the life of their peers at a United Kingdom varsity.

Minister for Higher Education Dr M C Sudhakar confirmed that no university in the UK had expressed willingness to host students from the state.

"The SCOUT programme was one of the subjects we discussed with the United Kingdom delegation a few days ago. We pressed the delegation to sustain the initiative, while assuring them of Karnataka government's support for the same," said Sudhakar.

In 2024, five students selected from each of six government universities – Bangalore University, Bengaluru City University, Tumkur University, Raichur University, Rani Channamma University and Kalaburagi University – were hosted at the East London University.

Each of the state-run universities spend Rs 1 lakh per student, while the British Council foots the rest of the bill. The primary objective of the programme is to offer students critical insights into fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, etc.

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Malnad Ultra Marathon aims to turn road runners into trail runners

CHIKKAMAGALURU, DHNS: "We do not believe in the concept of course records, and we celebrate every runner who shows up at the start line of the Malnad Ultra Marathon," emphasised Shyamsundar Pani, chairperson of Bengaluru-based GIREM and director of the Malnad Ultra.

The ninth edition of the Malnad Ultra, to be flagged off by The Printers (Mysore) Private Limited Director K N Shanth Kumar at Mallanduru on Saturday, aims to promote trail running in India by offering a high-quality event rooted in the core values of the sport — simplicity, inclusiveness and respect for nature, Shyamsundar said. "We hope to convert road runners into trail runners," he added.

This year, as many as 22 estate owners have extended support to the event. The Malnad Ultra will be held in three categories: 30 km, 50 km (day and night), and 100 km. Five aid stations have been set up along the route. Each aid station is stocked with water, electrolytes, bananas, oranges, peanuts, bread, peanut butter, jam, biscuits, salt, jaggery, eggs and other essentials. Residents will serve hot breakfast, lunch and dinner along the course.

Runners, registered for the Malnad Ultra marathon, collect their 'bib' at The Estate Cafe in Mallanduru in Chikkamagaluru district on Friday.

A chip embedded in the bib —the personalised tag worn by runners — will be scanned by timing systems installed at five points on the trail. Additionally, 20 jeeps will be deployed to assist runners in case of emergencies. Finishers will receive a commemorative buckle.

Power tussle: CM camp plots moves to counter DKS

Siddu's aide suggests convening a meeting of CLP

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's camp is said to be plotting moves to counter Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's coterie, which has left the Congress high command worried about a possible replay of what happened in Rajasthan.

One such move to counter Shivakumar came from Siddaramaiah's aide Basavaraj Rayareddi, who urged the Congress high command to convene a legislature party meeting if it wants to name a new chief minister.

"If any change is to be done, the top brass will call a Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting for a discussion," Rayareddi, the chief minister 's economic advisor, said.

"When Siddaramaiah was made chief minister (in 2023), a CLP meeting was held and there was a contest. Siddaramaiah had the majority," he pointed out.

Shivakumar meets two imprisoned MLAs

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Friday visited the Parappana Agrahara jail to meet Congress MLAs Vinay Kulkarni and Veerendra Pappy who are undertrial prisoners. Shivakumar "offered words of courage" to the two MLAs, his office said in a statement.

This comes amid speculation that both Shivakumar and Chief Minister Siddaramiah are trying to secure the support of party lawmakers in a possible number-game.

Dinner

The senior lawmaker said there was no intimation by the Congress top brass about a midterm change in leadership. "We've not been informed about any power-sharing agreement," he said. "There won't be a change in CM."

Late on Thursday night, Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi hosted his Cabinet colleagues G Parameshwara, Dr H C Mahadevappa, Dinesh Gundu Rao, K Venkatesh and former minister K N Rajanna for dinner. Playing down the meeting, Satish said, "We've had 15 such meetings in 30 months. It wasn't connected to any political developments."

Speaking to reporters, Rajanna was miffed when asked about Bangalore Milk Union Ltd (Bamul) president D K Suresh's statement that Siddaramaiah should keep his promise.

"In 2023, there was a press release by the AICC, which said that Siddaramaiah will be CM and Shivakumar the lone deputy CM. It also stated that Shivakumar would continue until the Parliament election. This is in writing. But has it been followed?" Rajanna asked.

During the day, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan met Satish Jarkiholi and senior MLC B K Hariprasad.

Siddu: Will remain CM for the entire term

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Regarding Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy's visit to Delhi, he said, "Should a party leader not go to Delhi at all? I have spoken to Chaluvarayaswamy on video conference. He has clarified that he has gone to meet the Union Agriculture Minister."

Regarding former MP D K Suresh's statement that Siddaramaiah will keep his word, he said, "Yes I will keep my word. Hence I am implementing all guarantee schemes."

Patil: No plan yet on 2nd airport in south B'luru

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"This will be presented before the chief minister and the state Cabinet, who will then finalise the location. Post that, we will send out the second tender, which will be focused more on design," he said.

The first tender is likely to go out in the next fortnight.

The AAI report has also pointed out all three locations, but purely from the civil engineering perspective. "But additional costs will be incurred for levelling the undulated terrain, which may significantly impact the overall budget."

A source closely working on the project told *DH* that various private players, including the Adani Group, GMR, Tata, and the Bengaluru International Airport (BIAL), have evinced interest in bagging the tender.

"We want to attract these private players, which is why everything needs to be up to the mark. If we build the airport at a location where its operations are limited, no one will want it. Hence, thorough due diligence needs to be carried out before finalising the location. The government is not considering anyone's personal interests," added the source.

Tejas jet crashes at...

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Delivery of more advanced Tejas LCA Mk-1A is yet to begin.

"A Tejas fighter aircraft from India participating in today's flying display at the Dubai Airshow has crashed, resulting in the tragic death of the pilot. Firefighting and emergency teams responded rapidly to the incident and are currently managing the situation on-site," Dubai Media Office said. It is the first crash in the history of the Dubai air show that began way back in 1986.

This is the second accident of the home-grown combat jet in the last two years. Last year, another IAF Tejas-LCA crashed at Jaisalmer minutes after participating in a tri-service exercise, but the pilot managed to eject safely.

Though military aviation is inherently risky, the veterans in the IAF pointed out that the indigenous combat jet went from prototype to series production without a single hull loss, reflecting its excellent safety record. The Jaisalmer crash was the first one since its first flight nearly a quarter century ago.

Chief of the Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said, "CDS and all ranks of Indian armed forces deeply regret the incident in which an IAF Tejas aircraft met with an accident during an aerial display at Dubai Air Show, today. The pilot sustained fatal injuries in the accident. We deeply regret the loss of life and stand firmly with the bereaved family in this time of grief."

This is not HAL's first brush with its aircraft crashing on a foreign soil. More than 15 years ago, HAL-made Dhruv Advanced Lightweight Helicopters crashed in Ecuador.

The Latin American country purchased seven ALH from HAL but unilaterally cancelled the deal in 2015 after four of the seven helicopters crashed.

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The students of Alva's College, Moodbidri, present 'Babruvahana Kalaga' Yakshagana at the 34th Yakshotsava organised by Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College in Mangaluru on Friday. DH PHOTO/FAKRUDDIN H

Govt rings in big labour...

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"This long-awaited reform brings India in line with global standards, eases compliance, empowers enterprises and strengthens the foundations for higher productivity, greater competitiveness and accelerated job creation," said Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The new rules allow companies to run longer factory shifts. Companies will also have the flexibility to operate night shifts with women workers. The approval limit for lay-offs has been increased from 100 to 300 workers. This means, companies won't need any authority approval for firing up to 300 employees. States have been given flexibility to further enhance this limit.

Now, there will be a single registration and licensing framework for labour regulations across India. An inspector-cum-facilitator system will be introduced to support compliance through advisory mechanisms rather than punitive action.

A joint platform of 10 central trade unions has termed the new regulations "anti-worker, pro-employer labour codes". Terming the new laws "deceptive fraud committed against the working people of the nation" the unions have called for a nationwide protest on November 26.

The new codes define gig and platform work for the first time. This will ensure legal and social protection to workers outside traditional employment structures.

Under the new regulations, all workers, regardless of sector, will receive a statutory minimum wage aligned to a national floor rate, along with mandatory timely wage payment and no unauthorised deductions. Every component of the cost-to-company (CTC) will now be treated as remuneration unless specifically exempted, with the maximum exemption capped at 50% of total compensation.

"Wages" will now include basic pay, dearness allowance and retaining allowance. "Now, 50% of the total remuneration (or such percentage as may be notified) shall be added back to compute wages, ensuring consistency in calculating gratuity, pension, and social security benefits," an official statement said.

"By guaranteeing minimum wages, gratuity and social security for a large segment of the workforce, the reforms modernise long-standing labour frameworks," said Sunil Chemmankotil, Country Manager, Adecco India.

Unused govt school properties will not be abandoned: Madhu

'They will be given to registered local organisations for proper utilisation'

BENGALURU, DHNS

The properties of the government schools which will be vacant after merging them with the Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) will not be abandoned, instead they will be given to registered local groups/organisations to use them productively.

Following the recent controversies over the setting up of KPS at every Gram Panchayat and merging the low enrollment schools with the former, the School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa on Friday clarified that no property of the government school, either the building or the land, will be abandoned. "The properties of the schools will be given to the registered local organisations for proper utilisation," he said.

Madhu Bangarappa

As shared by the minister, the department is already getting requests from organisations, like Self Help Groups (SHG), at the rural level requesting to handover the unused school properties.

"Such groups are ready to use them productively for their daily activities. In some villages, there is a need of building for community halls like Ambedkar Bhavan. If we give them, even the maintenance will be easy for us," the minister added.

The minister, however, clarified that unused school properties will be handed over to Zilla Panchayats (ZP) on temporary basis and the interested registered organisations/groups can approach the ZP concerned to get permission to use the property.

There are over 46,000 government schools across the state and some academicians are alleging that if the government sets up KPS at every Gram Panchayat, then 6,000 schools will be closed/merged with the KPS.

Bill to protect properties

To protect the properties belonging to government schools, the state administration is introducing a special bill in the winter session beginning on December 8 at Belagavi.

"The properties/lands belonging to the schools have been encroached at several districts and it is the responsibility of the government to protect them. Hence, we are introducing a bill," Madhu said. As per the details available from the department, in some cases the people are now even claiming the land donated by their ancestors to government schools and have filed cases. The bill will cover even that part and the government will also bring amendments to Section 94D of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.

According to the data available from the department, 15,000-plus encroachment cases related to government school properties are pending before the government.

In the past, the department of school education and department of Revenue even conducted 'Save government school property' campaign. As explained by the officials, a majority of the encroachment of government school properties are in the districts where the land price is high and real estate active.

VIT shines in QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2026

Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has achieved a remarkable milestone. It secured the 7th rank in India and 352nd position globally in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2026. In the Environmental Impact category, VIT has further distinguished itself by ranking 194th globally.

Announcing the achievement, Dr G Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT, said, "The QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2026 has been released by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). In this dedicated sustainability category – which forms part of the QS World University Rankings - institutions are evaluated across eight performance lenses comprising equality, knowledge exchange, impact of education, employability & opportunities, health & well-being, environmental sustainability, environmental education, environmental research and social impact".

VIT has scored an impressive overall 74.9, propelling it to 352nd place globally and 7th position among Indian institutions. The university has shown outstanding performance particularly in the three categories - social impact, environmental impact and governance. A standout highlight is VIT's score of 78.1 in environmental impact, earning it the 194th rank globally.

This represents a significant leap forward - from 396th position globally in the QS Sustainability Rankings 2025 to 352nd in 2026, an upward jump of 44 places.

"The 2026 edition evaluated over 2,000 universities from 106 countries and territories. Securing a place within the global top 400 - the highest-ever sustainability ranking achieved by VIT - is a testament to its sustained commitment to environmental responsibility, research excellence and societal well-being," Dr. Viswanathan added.

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All the best, DKS tells CM Siddaramaiah

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"Neither do I belong to a faction nor do I lead one. I am the president for all 140 MLAs. To me, all 140 MLAs are important. It is not in my blood to form a group or faction," Shivakumar said.

Defending lawmakers visiting the national capital, Shivakumar said: "The CM wants to reshuffle the Cabinet. So, all of them (lawmakers) are interested in becoming ministers. It is quite natural for them to meet party leaders in Delhi."

Shivakumar also pointed out that some lawmakers accompanied by Siddaramaiah met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. "I did not take anyone (to Delhi). Some of them went and met Kharge with the CM. Nobody called them, but some went voluntarily to show their faces, to establish their presence and say that they are in the forefront," Shivakumar said.

Shivakumar took a dig at his rivals when asked about a dinner meeting on Thursday held by some Siddaramaiah loyalists. "Such meetings have been going on for the last 2.5 years. They wanted to have a new party president and 4-5 deputy CMs. It is nothing new. Let them have more meetings," Shivakumar sneered.

'DKS deserves chance'

During the day, Ramanagara MLA Iqbal Hussain claimed that the party high command had "responded positively" to the demand that Shivakumar should be made the CM.

"Shivakumar has toiled hard for the party. He played a prominent role in the party coming to power. So, he must be given a chance. That is our demand," Hussian said, adding that he, too, would travel to Delhi. "We will express our aspiration before the high command. We have already received a positive response. I am confident Shivakumar will become the CM," he said.

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ರಾಯಚೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಹಕಾರ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ ನಿಯಮಿತ.
ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಗಂಜ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು – 584102. (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ)
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಪ್ರ:ಕಾ/ನೇ.ನೇಮಕಾತಿ/01–03/ಹೆಚ್.ಕೆ/2025–26/ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.11.2025
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ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ	21–11–2025
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	22–12–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ದಿನಾಂಕ(ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ)	15–01–2026

ಅನುಚ್ಛೇದ 371(ಜೆ) ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೃಂದದ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು(HK)

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2	ಸಹಾಯಕರ ಗ್ರೇಡ–1	34	44425–1125–47800–1250–52800–1375–58300–1500–64300–1650–74200–1900–83700
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ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ವಿಧಾನ ಆನ್–ಲೈನ್ ಲಿಂಕ ಮೂಲಕ https://tascguru.com/raichur-dcc-bank/ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವ ವಿಧಾನ, ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ, ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವಿಧಾನ ,ವಯೋಮಿತಿ,ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ,ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ವೆಬ್–ಸೈಟ್ www.raichurdcc.bank.in ಮತ್ತು https://tascguru.com/raichur-dcc-bank/ ಲಿಂಕನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರವಾದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ತೊಂದರೆಗಳು ಎದುರಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಹೆಲ್ಪಲೈನ್ ನಂಬರ್ :8310460727 ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.
ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ – ಸಹಿ/– (ಎಂ.ಬಿ.ಪೂಜಾರ)
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Timeline exemption weakens federalism

The Supreme Court's advice in response to the Presidential Reference on powers of the President and state governors with respect to assent for bills passed by the legislature is an enunciation of the ideal constitutional position in an ideal political scenario. It does not help to remedy the situation created by governors who conduct themselves as politicians in the real world. At the centre of the issue is the refusal of governors in Opposition-ruled states to give assent to legislative bills. Their inaction was against the spirit of the Constitution, which prescribes that they should give assent to the bills, refer them to the President, or return them "as early as possible". The matter was taken to court after some governors sat on the bills for even two years. In April, a bench headed by Justice J B Pardiwala presented a solution by setting a timeline for these decisions. The Court has now opined that the President and governors cannot be bound by a timeline because of their constitutional position.

It is contended that the Constitution, which envisages a balance between powers of the organs of State, does not permit courts to impose procedural timelines on constitutional authorities. While the Court says governors do not have "unfettered powers" to sit on bills, states can seek judicial review in case of inordinate delay. Since "prolonged and evasive inaction" by the governor is not defined, it can be interpreted subjectively – the state government might view inaction for a month as a delay, while the governor might not consider even a six-month delay as too long. The Court said a bill delayed by a governor cannot be seen as having "deemed assent" as it does not exist as a constitutional idea. Where the earlier judgment had closed provisions for inordinate delay, the top court has now opened the possibility of protracted litigation by states. The verdict will strengthen the position of the Centre and the governors in federal matters involving states. This is a setback to the idea of federalism and the primacy of the people's will.

SC's advice against imposing timelines on governors' assent to bills may encourage obstructionism

Since the advice is not binding, the earlier judgment's idea of "deemed consent" still stands. The Central government or the governors will have to appeal against that judgment or seek a review to supersede it. In the April judgment, the Court said governors must respect the settled conventions of democracy. Its new advice takes a strictly literal view, which hurts the spirit of the Constitution and the best conventions of democracy.

Cong power play risks governance vacuum

When the Congress returned to power in Karnataka in 2023, the first major challenge was not administrative but political: choosing between Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar for the Chief Minister's post. After days of infighting and intense negotiations in Delhi, Siddaramaiah was selected as Chief Minister while Shivakumar was made Deputy Chief Minister. Rumours of a '2.5-year formula' that circulated then – with Siddaramaiah handing over the reins mid-term – have now grown into open demands. A group of MLAs aligned with Shivakumar rushed to Delhi to press the High Command to honour what they claim was a commitment made in 2023. Senior ministers have publicly stated that no such agreement existed and that Siddaramaiah was elected for a full term. The Congress leadership's silence has only deepened the uncertainty.

Adding to the confusion is Siddaramaiah's own ambiguous messaging. Though he had twice declared – before the 2018 and 2023 elections – that they would be his last, he has now hinted he may contest once more under pressure from his supporters. He has swung between claiming he will complete the full term and saying he will continue only at the High Command's pleasure, even asserting he will present next year's budget, further fuelling speculation. Another twist is the widespread belief that he hopes to remain in office until January or February 2026, when he is expected to break D Devaraj Urs's record as the longest-serving chief minister. Meanwhile, Shivakumar's announcement that he would quit as KPCC president has only added to the theatre, intensifying rumours that he has received the green signal from the leadership.

Uncertainty over leadership will impact administration. The High Command must step in and now

While these may appear to be internal matters for the Congress, the impact of this perpetual leadership suspense on governance is deeply disconcerting. Political ambiguity inevitably weakens the administration: senior bureaucrats, unsure who will lead the government in the months ahead, adopt a wait-and-watch approach, and files needing strong political backing remain stuck. Governance slows down as the administration waits for clarity. Ministers, too, tread cautiously, wary of aligning too closely with either leader. Many observers already note that Siddaramaiah appears less assertive than in his earlier tenure, while Shivakumar's camp grows increasingly restless. In such a climate, governance becomes the first casualty. The Congress High Command must end this drift. If it intends to replace Siddaramaiah, it should do so promptly. If not, it must unequivocally affirm that he will lead the government until 2028. At a time when Karnataka is consolidating its position as India's growth engine, uncertainty at the top is the one risk it simply cannot afford.

A FAIR FUTURE

India's just transition needs a broader blueprint

Policy narratives around renewables must go beyond coal, focus on protecting communities and ensuring shared benefits

RISHU GARG AND AMMU SUSANNA JACOB

The discussions at COP30 in Belem, Brazil, have called for action on a just transition towards a low-carbon economy, underscoring that climate action and social equity cannot be separated. For India, the stakes are especially high. India surpassed 256 gigawatt (GW) of non-fossil capacity on September 30 2025 – a significant milestone in its net-zero journey. While this is commendable, it is important to ensure that the process is fair and inclusive from all aspects.

What is 'just transition'? The discussion of a just transition began in the late 1970s and early 1980s, as global awareness of environmental issues grew. In 1993, American labour leader Tony Mazzocchi proposed a 'Superfund for Workers' to support those leaving hazardous jobs. Trade unions later expanded the concept to ensure that workers are not disproportionately affected (in terms of livelihoods and health) while moving from high-carbon to low-carbon economies. International bodies such as the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations now frame just transition as a process that delivers environmental sustainability alongside equity.

However, in India, NITI Aayog has emphasised just transition primarily in the context of coal, ensuring that mine closures and workforce shifts are managed in a just, timely, and accountable way. This framing is important but partial. Countries such as Indonesia define just transition as 'An energy transition in which the conditions resulting in social, economic, and environmental risks and opportunities are equitably distributed among stakeholders according to their capacity and conditions. A just transition also affirmatively enables vulnerable, underserved stakeholders to participate in decision-making that mitigates the risks and captures benefits from opportunities'. India, too, would benefit from such a broader framing.

Although just transition has become almost synonymous with coal in India, it needs to be considered in the context of the expanding renewable energy sector. Solar parks, wind farms, and associated transmission lines require significant tracts of land, which may affect local livelihoods and ecosystems. For example, in Rajasthan, overhead transmission infrastructure across desert landscapes has contributed to the decline of the Great Indian Bustard, a critically endangered species.

Another emerging challenge is solar waste. As India's earliest installations approach end-of-life (20-25 years), states such as Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu – home to large solar parks – will face rising volumes of panel waste. In the absence of clear recycling pathways, toxic materials from this waste can leach into the environment, compounding the pressures on the very communities that parted with land for renewable projects.

To ensure justice in the transition, there is a need for a universal framework that applies to all technologies and is based on shared benefits, transparent decision-making, and the repair of any harm. One such framework – proposed by McCauley and Heffron in 2018 – has three pillars: distributional justice (ensures that costs and benefits are shared fairly), procedural justice (makes decision-making transparent and inclusive), and restorative justice (includes restoring shared community resources, investing in health and education, and safeguarding ecosystems).

To avoid repeating the inequities of the fossil fuel era, India should embed a framework of justice into its institutional architecture. Clear indicators, for example, local jobs and benefit-sharing (distributional), community participation and transparent approvals (procedural), and social and ecological investments (restorative), can be applied across all renewable technologies. Also, integrating this justice framework into policy design would ensure that projects are assessed not only on energy delivered but also on fairness and inclusiveness.

Protecting ecosystems and livelihoods

To ensure smooth integration, India will also need a coordinated set of measures. First, the government could establish an inter-ministerial platform, focusing on creating specific task forces aligned to renewable technologies for skill development, livelihoods, gender inclusion, and community engagement. This platform could be anchored by the National Skill Development Corporation alongside the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Spatial planning must also be strengthened through GIS mapping of renewable parks, transmission lines, roads and related infrastructure, safeguarding grazing lands and biodiversity hotspots.

At the project level, free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) should be operationalised for all affected communities through independent facilitation and transparent disclosure. Additionally, renewable energy developers should earmark a portion of revenues for local development and ecological restoration through community-led committees.

A circular economy approach is also critical. Enforcing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for solar manufacturers, supporting recycling infrastructure, and embedding circularity requirements into tenders will help India manage the end-of-life risks of large-scale renewables. Finally, while much of India's just transition discussions have been framed at the national level, states are the true frontlines of the energy transition. Therefore, the framework should be state-driven for effective implementation.

As India accelerates into a renewable-dominated future, just transition discussions must move beyond coal and ensure that the clean energy projects do not displace vulnerable communities, undermine local livelihoods, or irreversibly damage ecosystems. Further, with COP30 pushing for an action-oriented just transition work programme globally, it is crucial that this programme covers both fossil- and renewable-based technologies and embeds the principles of distributive, procedural, and restorative justice.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The man who never left

Ramji served everyone, and carried a secret that kept him far from home

LATHA MOHAN

In most neighbourhoods, there is always one person who seems stitched into the very fabric of daily life. For us, that man was Ram Singh—affectionately known as Ramji.

Ramji lived just a few doors down, tucked away in the most unlikely of homes: an abandoned lift shaft on the ground floor of an apartment building. It wasn't much, but it was his sanctuary. He hailed from a village in Uttar Pradesh, and his Hindi—peppered with a curious accent—was as distinctive as his presence. No one quite knew how he ended up in Bengaluru, but once he arrived, he never left.

Officially, Ramji was the building's watchman. But his primary duty was washing the cars parked in front of each house. He could be seen scrubbing them with monk-like dedication, his hands moving with the rhythm of routine. From morning to night, he was at it, meticulously cleaning every car on the street.

In between washes, he would run errands for people -- buying groceries, walking someone's dog and such like. People were so eager to take his help that he became a gardener, plumber or mason depending on the need. He hardly ever said 'no' to anyone. His honesty, sincerity and innocence endeared him to everyone.

My husband shared a quiet camaraderie with him. Whenever Ramji dropped by, he was greeted with a warm cup of tea and a listening ear. That was when he would open up—sharing his worries, his stories, and sometimes, his secrets.

We trusted him deeply. So much so that we would hand him our house keys when we travelled, knowing he would care for our cats and water our plants. He, in turn, entrusted us with his savings, folded neatly in a plastic pouch.

In the 10 years we had known him, Ramji never took a single day off. My husband often urged him to visit his village, to take a break and reconnect with his family. But Ramji would always laugh and shake his head. It was intriguing, since most migrant workers long to go back to their village and spend time with their family whenever they can.

One day, after much coaxing, he finally shared why. Years ago, back in his village, a heated dispute among neighbours spiralled out of control. In the chaos, Ramji was caught in the middle, and the situation turned grave. Fearing legal trouble and social backlash, he fled—first aimlessly, then purposefully—until he found refuge in Bengaluru.

Here, he rebuilt his life from scratch. No family, no past—just the present, and the people who came to rely on him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A threat to sustainable development

Apropos 'A costly reversal on green governance' (Nov 21), the Supreme Court's earlier order had sent a strong message to violators that environmental norms could not be bypassed. The reversal, however, creates ambiguity and emboldens those seeking shortcuts. It also risks undermining the credibility of the appellate and expert bodies tasked with environmental oversight. Environmental clearance is meant to be a preventive tool, not a curative one. Its purpose is to ensure that ecological, social, and health impacts are rigorously assessed before a project begins. When *post facto* approvals become permissible, this foundational principle collapses. The judiciary, as the final guardian of constitutional protections, should uphold the principle of sustainable development, rather than allowing *ex post facto* clearances that compromise it.
S S Paul, Nadia (WB)

Metro is not the answer

Extending the metro by about 70 km to Tumakuru when we have Indian Railways and express highways is not a great plan. It is a total waste of money. Moreover, metro services are designed to operate within cities. Instead, the government could improve the existing railway services, such as intercity rail and MEMU express. Constructing a metro towards Tumakuru would be costly, especially if it involves building pillars or tunnels. It would also result in environmental destruction and the cutting down of many trees. It would be better to improve the existing transport services rather than investing in a new metro project.
Supraj L, Bengaluru

No lessons learnt

Apropos 'In denial, Congress loses the plot, too' (Nov 20), the editorial is an eye-opener for the Congress party, if the party is open to introspection. However, the Grand Old Party does not appear keen to learn from its mistakes and doesn't seem willing to think beyond the first family, much like a monarchy. Unless the party graduates to democracy, there is little hope of its revival.
Gunashekhara Bhat B, Sullia

Due process key

The death sentence delivered i*n absentia* to former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina demands careful scrutiny. Any government that unleashes violence on unarmed students must be held to account, yet justice must be anchored in due process and transparency. Unless the process is beyond reproach, the verdict may deepen divisions.
K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

We have given top priority to security in Uttar Pradesh...Today, the law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh is considered a model in the country, and festivals are organised peacefully. Every person feels safe...

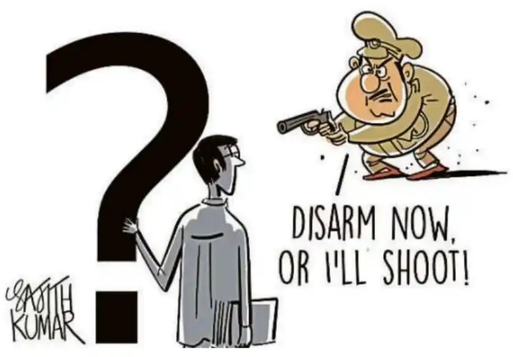
Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh CM

Reality is not easy, but all this make-believe doesn't make it easier.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali

TO BE PRECISE

Intellectuals are more dangerous than terrorists: Delhi Police tell SC



IN PERSPECTIVE

The myth of the development vote

Bihar reaffirms that development matters only when it's personal and aligned with entrenched social realities

JEHOSH PAUL AND RITU KUMARI

Prashant Kishor's experiment in Bihar has reopened a basic but uncomfortable question many political observers avoid. Do Indians actually vote on development? After walking across the state for about two years and promising a politics built around jobs, education, public services and dignity rather than caste alliances, Kishor positioned Jan Suraaj as an aspirational alternative. He urged voters to think about the future of their children instead of falling back on identity loyalties. He asked people to imagine a Bihar rebuilt from the ground up.

The election results told a different story. Jan Suraaj barely registered. Bihar returned to the same caste coalitions, established parties, and familiar leaderships. The party did manage to come third in over a hundred constituencies and, on several seats, its vote share exceeded the winning margin, but it did not win a single seat. The lesson was not that people dislike development. It was that development, offered on its own, is not enough to shape electoral behaviour.

Narendra Modi's 2014 victory is often cited as the moment India decisively chose development, with the Gujarat model held up as evidence that voters now reward performance. It is fashionable to claim that the Indian voter has matured and now prioritises development. That is not incorrect, but it is incomplete.

Development matters only when it is tangible, personal, and attributable. Abstract claims about GDP growth, large industrial projects or reforms rarely convince voters. People vote on what they can feel in their daily lives. Modi's 2014 campaign shows this. *Vikas*, on its own, did not deliver that mandate. It came packaged with strong anti-incumbency sentiment, anger over corruption, the promise of national pride, Hindu identity mobilisation, and a disciplined party machinery capable of reaching every booth. It was a coalition of emotions and interests in which development was one important piece, but not the entire structure.

Comparative research on voting behaviour suggests this is not an exception. Across democracies, group loyalties and identity cues usually anchor voters, and issue-based or performance voting is layered on top, not the other way round.

If development alone decided elections, the BJP would have been punished more sharply for unemployment, rising prices, and rural distress. Instead, it continues to dominate because it champions multiple narratives at once and ensures that every voter segment finds something to hold on to. Welfare delivery for the poorest, nationalism for the middle class, Hindu identity for cultural consolidation, charismatic leadership for emotional connection, and an unmatched organisation that ensures nothing is left to chance.

In Bihar, this bundle sat on top of two decades of Nitish Kumar's image-building on law and order and women's empowerment, but it was the NDA alliance structure, targeted women-focused schemes and the Modi brand that ultimately converted that record into a landslide victory.

A layered interplay

The Bihar outcome shows what happens when development is presented without this scaffolding. Kishor appealed to rational reasoning while ignoring that political choice is also shaped by social insecurities. For many communities in Bihar, caste remains a source of protection, solidarity and voice. Asking them to abandon it in favour of a new and untested movement demanded a level of trust that did not yet exist.

That said, a constituency that votes directly on development certainly exists. It includes young people seeking mobility, women entering the workforce, migrants working outside their home regions, and families attempting to move upward. The Bihar campaign demonstrated this clearly. The JD(U)'s promise of direct financial support to women resonated because it spoke to everyday security, household budgeting, and dignity, especially for women with limited economic independence. It was not an abstract promise of development. It touched personal, lived experience, and attempted to reshape the daily economics of survival.

The real debate is therefore not whether development matters, but for whom it matters and in what form. Electoral behaviour in India is shaped by multiple incentives. Political projects succeed when they weave development into trust, belonging, and a credible organisational presence. They fail when they assume that being right is enough. Bihar has told Prashant Kishor what Indian politics has told many reformers before him. Development must be felt to be believed, and it must walk alongside identity, narrative and emotional connection.

Bihar has not rejected development. It rejected the idea that development alone can rearrange political loyalties. Until that reality is understood, the myth of the development vote will continue to break on the hard ground of electoral experience.

(Jehosh is a lawyer and former political consultant. Ritu is a development practitioner from Bihar)

India's Fight against Terror: Strides and Stumbles

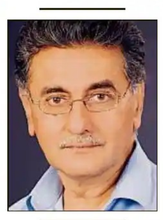
The thwarted ricin plot and the Delhi blast underscore both advances in counterterrorism and the critical vulnerabilities that persist.

AJAI SAHNI

The suicide bombing near Red Fort in Delhi on November 10, 2025, which, according to the government officials, claimed at least 13 lives (10 civilians and the suicide bomber) and injured nearly 30, was a stark reminder of India's vulnerabilities, despite the tremendous gains the country has made against terrorism.

Trajectory of terror

At peak, in 2001, India recorded 5,504 fatalities connected with the multiple terrorist attacks and insurgent movements across the country, including 4,011 in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) alone, and another 55 in attacks by Islamists outside J&K – the last two categories most relevant in the present context. 619 persons have been killed in these conflicts across India in 2025, but crucially, just 91 of these fatalities occurred in J&K, and just one in an Islamist terrorist attack outside J&K (before the blast in Delhi). A total of 626 were killed in 2024, with 127 fatalities in J&K, and none outside. In the decade between 2015 and 2024, six years have recorded zero Islamist terrorist-linked fatalities outside J&K. In the worst year for such fatalities, 2008, there were 39 incidents and 362 fatalities, virtually across the country, outside J&K.



Not that the terrorists did not try to attack. 82 persons were arrested for various Islamist terrorist conspiracies in 2025, not including the conspiracy that culminated in the Red Fort incident, in which arrests are still ongoing, and another 80 persons were arrested for such plots in 2024. These arrests indicate that police and intelligence agencies prevented scores of potential terrorist incidents.

The unravelling of the ricin plot in Ahmedabad, with the arrest of China-trained doctor Ahmed Mohiuddin Abdul Qader Jilani, underlines both an intelligence success and, at the same time, an exponential escalation of potential risk, as terrorists explore more lethal technologies, including bioweapons – perhaps the deadliest of future perils.

Enduring vulnerabilities

It is significant and disturbing, nevertheless, that neither the Red Fort nor the ricin conspiracy was uncovered during its early stages. The ricin plot was discovered due to inputs provided by a single informant, and the Red Fort–Faridabad cell conspiracy was discovered because of the relentless pursuit of a relatively minor offence – the pasting of posters purportedly of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) at Nowgam in Srinagar – and the linkages it exposed. Preliminary investigations have reportedly determined that the Red Fort–Faridabad Cell had roots that go back to at least 2021, when Muzammil Tantray of the Ansar Ghazwat ul Hind, who was killed that year, handed over a cache of weapons to Moulvi Irfan Ahmed Wagay, the man who initiated the pasting of posters in Nowgam, and who eventually exposed the chain of conspirators leading up to the Faridabad cache of explosives. These linkages and Wagay's activities were not discovered till the police investigation into the inflammatory posters at Nowgam, nor was anything known about Jilani's tryst with ricin before an informer tipped off the police in Ahmedabad.

Despite the cumulative successes against Islamist terrorism, it is clear that there are systemic weaknesses that have allowed threats of long duration to persist, consequences, variously, of patterns of underfunded intelligence, lacunae in and the politicisation of law enforcement and an anti-radicalisation framework that is more rhetorical than remedial. The Delhi bomber's undated video, circulated post-facto, rehearsing justifications for a "martyrdom operation", demonstrates the persistence of radicalisation vectors that are being missed by the establishment. Past successes do not obviate the necessity of dramatic strengthening of the intelligence and de-radicalisation apparatus, to create a system grounded in data, unsparing in its internal critique, and urgent in its implementation.

Despite significant improvements in and integration of intelligence, the Multi-Agency Centre (MAC), the national fusion hub since 2001, the flow of actionable intelligence to all stakeholders remains limited due to traditional 'stovepipe' structures, turf wars and archaic tech stacks – legacy systems incompatible with contemporary AI-driven analytics. Intelligence agencies have severely limited human resources, and expansion plans of the Intelligence Bureau, for instance, sanctioned as far back as in 2009, are yet to reach fruition. The National Investigation Agency (NIA), established in 2008, after the devastating Mumbai carnage of November, 2008, had notched up 625 convictions by March 12, 2025, and boasts a 95.54% conviction rate – extraordinary given the evidentiary hurdles that plague terrorism prosecutions — but its 1,360 personnel (with another 541 posts vacant) are stretched across over 677 cases, even as its mandate has been extended beyond terrorism to comprehend a range of other 'threats to national security'. The police-population ratio in the country, at 154.96 per 100,000, remains severely inadequate by international standards, and is mired in colonial-era protocols, with a tiny fraction of personnel trained and deployed for counter-terrorism intelligence gathering and enforcement.

National security imperatives

A dramatic expansion of capacities and capabilities has long been overdue, and we must not be misled by the relative decline in the incidence of terrorism to believe that we have won this 'war'. Indeed, given the fraught geopolitical environment, particularly in the South Asian region, India's growing international isolation, and the failure to invest adequately in defence and technology, can only tempt Pakistan to escalate its flickering proxy war.

While enforcement and intelligence have introduced discrete elements of contemporary technologies into their systems, governance in India, including internal security and defence administration, remains relatively primitive – structurally, technologically and crucially, psychologically.

National responses to terrorism also continue to be undermined by false assessments of the purportedly deterrent impact of fitful retaliation against Pakistan – surgical strikes, the Balakot bombing and Operation Sindoor; by the myth-making around the impact of the 'abrogation' of Article 370; boasts about 'zero terrorism' and development in J&K; and the cynical harnessing of a polarising communal politics for partisan electoral dominance.

The assessment of the challenges confronting the nation must be reality-based, as must be our estimates of the resources required for a comprehensive and strategic response. The Delhi bombing and thwarted ricin plot are twin mirrors: one reflecting averted catastrophe, the other, residual threat and structural vulnerabilities.

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CHRONICLE of CARNAGE 1993-2025*

1993
- **March 12, Maharashtra:** 12 Mumbai blasts killed 257, injured 1,400+
- **Aug 8, TN:** 8 killed in blast at RSS office, Chennai

1996
- **May 21, Delhi:** 13 killed, 39 injured in Lajpat Nagar blast
- **May 22, Rajasthan:** 14 killed, 37 injured in Dausa bus blast

1997
- **Oct 1, Delhi:** 3 killed in Frontier Mail blast
- **Oct 18, Delhi:** 59 killed, 150+ injured in market blasts
- **Nov 30, Delhi:** 3 killed, 73 injured in Chandni Chowk blast
- **Dec 30, Delhi:** 4 killed, 30 injured in Punjabi Bagh blast

1999
- **Jan 25, J&K:** 23 Kashmiri Pandits killed in Wandhama
- **Dec 24–31:** IC-814 hijacked; 1 hostage killed; 3 terrorists freed for release of others

2000
- **Mar 20, J&K:** 35 Sikhs killed in Chittisinghpura

2001
- **Oct 1, J&K:** Suicide car bomb killed 38
- **Dec 13, Delhi:** Parliament attack killed 9, injured 18

2002
- **May 14, J&K:** 31 killed, 47 injured in Kaluchak attack
- **Sept 2, Gujarat:** 33 killed, 80 injured at Akshardham Temple

2003
- **Mar 23, J&K:** 24 Pandits killed in Nadimarg
- **Aug 25, Maharashtra:** Mumbai blasts killed 54, injured 244

2005
- **Jul 5, UP:** Ayodhya attack killed 1; 5 militants shot
- **Oct 29, Delhi:** Serial blasts killed 62, injured 200

2006
- **Mar 7, UP:** Varanasi blasts killed 28, injured 100+
- **Apr 30, J&K:** 57 killed in Doda-Udhampur
- **July 11, Maharashtra:** Train blasts killed 209, injured hundreds
- **Sept 8, Maharashtra:** Malegaon blasts killed 45, injured 125

2007
- **Feb 18, Haryana:** Samjhauta blasts killed 70, injured 50
- **May 18, AP:** Makkah Masjid blast killed 16, injured 100
- **Aug 25, AP:** Hyderabad blasts killed 42, injured 54
- **Nov 23, UP:** Court blasts killed 18, injured 81

2008
- **May 13, Rajasthan:** Jaipur blasts killed 63, injured 200
- **July 26, Gujarat:** 21 blasts killed 56, injured 200+
- **Sept 13, Delhi:** Five blasts killed 30+, injured 100+
- **Sept 27, Delhi:** Mehrauli blast killed 2, injured 22
- **Nov 26–28, Maharashtra:** Mumbai attacks killed 166, injured 300+

2010
- **Feb 13, Maharashtra:** Pune German Bakery blast killed 18, injured 54

2013
- **Feb 21, AP:** Hyderabad blasts killed 18

2017
- **July 10, J&K:** Amarnath Yatra attack killed 8

2016
- **Jan 2, Punjab:** Pathankot attack killed 8
- **Sept 18, J&K:** Uri attack killed 19 soldiers
- **Nov 29, J&K:** Nagrota attack killed 7 soldiers

2018
- **Feb 10, J&K:** Sunjuwan attack killed 6 soldiers, 1 civilian

2019
- **Feb 14, J&K:** Pulwama blast killed 40 CRPF personnel

2025
- **Apr 22, J&K:** Pahalgam attack killed 26, injured 20
- **Nov 10, Delhi:** Blast near Red Fort killed 12

*NOT EXHAUSTIVE

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Land subsidence threatens India's megacities

Groundwater overuse, unplanned urban infrastructure, erratic monsoons and population growth affect the stability of land, writes B K Singh

Building collapses across the globe are often attributed to poor construction, unauthorised alterations and ageing structures. However, in metropolitan regions with unregulated groundwater extraction and construction, land subsidence can trigger collapse.

A recent study by scientists Niteshnirmal Sadasivam, Leonard Ohenhen, Mohammad Khorrami, Susanna Werth and Manoochehr Shirzaei used satellite radar observations from 2015 to 2022 to estimate that land is subsiding at a rate of more than 4mm per year in five fast-growing Indian megacities: Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru. In total, 878 sq km of land is undergoing subsidence across these cities. The study finds that 2,406 buildings are at high risk of structural damage from ongoing subsidence, and at this rate, 23,529 buildings will be at very high risk in fifty years.

The research team used 1,299 radar images from the European Sentinel-1 satellites and applied the Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) technique to measure minute ground-level changes. By comparing radar signals from multiple satellites passing over the same area, they measured vertical land movement with millimetre precision. Data from nearly 500,000 high-quality data points were analysed to calculate vertical land motion in each city.

For Delhi and Kolkata, the team combined data from two different satellite orbits to separate vertical and horizontal ground movement. For Chennai, Bengaluru, and Mumbai, only data from a single satellite orbit was available, so researchers focused solely on vertical movement. The team produced high-resolution maps demarcating areas where land is sinking, rising, or stable.

How subsidence affects buildings

Differential land settlement — where the ground sinks unevenly beneath a structure — introduces non-uniform stress. This can tilt buildings and crack foundations and walls. Structures are most vulnerable at the boundaries between subsiding and stable or uplift zones, where the displacement gradient is large. This often occurs in "subsidence bowls" caused by localised geotechnical variations, or in areas such as drained coastal plains where soil properties — such as stratified layers of sand, clay, and organic material with different compressibility — vary over short distances.

In earthquake-prone areas, differential settlements can impair a building's capacity to absorb seismic forces, increasing its collapse risk. In flood-prone regions, subsidence can alter drainage patterns, damage essential utilities and increase overall vulnerability.

Land subsidence is primarily driven by aquifer compaction resulting from groundwater overexploitation. When water is pumped out faster than it is replenished, the water pressure that helps support soil particles decreases, leading to the compaction of underground layers. Droughts exacerbate this problem by pushing growing populations to extract more groundwater.

This decline in terrestrial water storage is captured by satellite gravimetry missions like GRACE and GRACE-FO, which track changes in soil moisture, surface water, groundwater and snow water.

Which cities are sinking?

The study observed widespread subsidence, with annual maximum rates of 51 mm in Delhi, 31.7 mm in Chennai, 26.1 mm in Mumbai, 16.4 mm in Kolkata, and 6.7 mm in Bengaluru. Hotspots were identified, including Bijwasan, Faridabad, and Ghaziabad in the Delhi area, and the floodplains of the Adyar River and the city centre in Chennai.

Delhi's subsidence is attributed to compaction of alluvial deposits caused by excessive groundwater withdrawal. In contrast, Dwarka is uplifting at 15mm per year, likely due to successful rainwater harvesting and aquifer recharge.

In Mumbai, vulnerable areas include reclaimed, unconsolidated land in Dharavi, Thane and Wadala. In Kolkata, subsidence in Howrah, Tollygunge and Bidhannagar is linked to aquifer withdrawal compacting clay-rich flood plains. Bengaluru, which sits on hard rock, has localised subsidence in Hebbal, Whitefield and Madiwala, primarily due to construction and groundwater extraction from borewells.

Scientists use the term "angular distortion" to refer to the ratio of differential subsidence to the horizontal distance over which it occurs. Higher angular distortion increases the risk of damage to infrastructure and buildings. These studies reveal that some buildings in Chennai and Mumbai are within the risk zone, while buildings in Kolkata and Bengaluru are less threatened due to relatively low angular distortion.

Alluvial deposits from the Holocene epoch, which have historically supported human settlements due to their water and fertile soil, are particularly prone to subsidence from water extraction. Furthermore, increasing global energy demand and the consequent surge in fossil fuel extraction can intensify land subsidence in certain regions.

Thus, groundwater overuse, the weight of urban infrastructure, erratic monsoons, population growth and weak regulations are key factors affecting stability. Nearly 150 cities worldwide, such as Jakarta and Mexico City, face this hazard.

Coastal cities like Mumbai and Chennai face a double threat: subsidence and sea-level rise. Authorities must take note. Policy interventions to reduce groundwater extraction, improve surface water management and groundwater recharge, properly regulate mining, and promote afforestation and soil conservation are key to checking the hazard. The compounding risk of infrastructure damage requires policymakers to develop resilience plans and adaptation strategies that prioritise mitigation and maintenance.

(The author is a retired IFS official and a science/environment communicator)

DID YOU KNOW?

A climate-resilient fabric to keep you cool

As global temperatures rise and heat waves intensify, a new textile innovation co-developed by University of South Australia scientists promises to keep people cooler, drier, and more comfortable in extreme heat.

Partnering with researchers from Zhengzhou University in China, UniSA materials scientist Professor Jun Ma has helped to create a lightweight breathable fabric that reflects 96% of the sun's rays in outdoor conditions.

The moisture-wicking composite fabric is described in a paper titled "Moisture-wicking fabric for radiation cooling" in the journal Nano Research.

In outdoor field tests, the new textile lowered skin temperature by 2 degrees Celsius under direct sunlight and by 3.8 degrees Celsius at night compared with bare skin.

Unlike traditional cotton fabrics, which tend to trap heat and sweat, the polylactic acid/boron nitride nanosheet (PLA/BNNS) material actively releases warmth while keeping the skin dry.

Professor Ma, from UniSA's Future Industries Institute, says the project addresses a critical challenge in personal comfort as the world adapts to rising heat stress.

Using a scalable electrospinning technique, the researchers embedded boron nitride nanosheets—highly thermally conductive, lightweight particles—within a biodegradable polylactic acid fibre matrix. The result is a white, nanostructured fabric with exceptional solar reflectance and five times more breathability than cotton.

"The combination of high solar reflectance, heat radiation and moisture control means that the wearer feels noticeably cooler and drier," Prof Ma says.

"It's particularly beneficial for people who work outdoors in construction, mining, agriculture or emergency services, where heat exposure is both a comfort and safety issue."

The study's lead author, Associate Professor Yamin Pan from Zhengzhou University, says the collaboration with UniSA was instrumental in testing and refining the material's thermal performance.

"UniSA's advanced materials expertise helped us evaluate the heat transfer and radiative cooling properties of the fabric," says Assoc Prof Pan. "The partnership shows how international collaboration can accelerate the development of smart, sustainable materials."

Made primarily from biodegradable PLA, the fabric also aligns with the global shift toward environmentally responsible materials.

The researchers believe the technology could be easily adapted for sportswear, uniforms, outdoor workers, and even military and emergency clothing designed for extreme heat.

Prof Ma says the team is now exploring potential commercial applications and large-scale manufacturing opportunities.

"The electrospinning process is straightforward and cost effective, which means the fabric could be produced at an industrial scale," he says. "With further development, it has the potential to transform the next generation of cooling clothing."

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Hidma tortured, killed in fake encounter, says CPI (Maoist)

HYDERABAD, DHNS: The Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) has alleged that security forces captured its senior leader and "Bastar Hero" Madvi Hidma in Vijayawada on November 15, tortured him for several days, and later killed him in a staged encounter in Andhra Pradesh's Maredumilli forest area.

The Andhra Pradesh Police on Tuesday said combing parties killed Hidma along with his wife Raje and four others in an exchange of fire when they were entering the Andhra forest area.

In a statement issued on Friday, CPI (Maoist) spokesperson Abhay claimed Hidma and a few others were travelling to Vijayawada for organisational work when they were betrayed by informants.

Acting on instructions from the Union Home Ministry, the Andhra Pradesh Special Intelligence Branch (SIB) allegedly took them into custody on November 15, he said.

Abhay alleged that the group was subjected to severe torture during interrogation and subsequently killed in cold blood.

"The police falsely claimed that an encounter took place in the Maredumilli forest, arms were recovered at the scene, and asserted that 6 people had been killed—all of which are blatant lies," said statement.

According to the Maoists, Hidma was born in 1974 into a poor Adivasi family in Sukma district.

Deeply hurt by loss of brave IAF pilot in Dubai Air Show: Rajnath

Standing with bereaved family: Defence minister, IAF, HAL

NEW DELHI, PTI

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said he was "deeply anguished" by the loss of life of a brave Indian Air Force (IAF) pilot in the crash of a fighter jet during an aerial display at the Dubai Air Show.

In a post on X, he expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and said the nation stood firmly with them in this tragic hour.

IAF fighter jet Tejas crashed during the aerial display at the Dubai Air Show on Friday, killing its pilot, said the air force.

Visuals of the crash, aired on various TV channels, showed the jet dropping altitude and then crashing on the ground before being engulfed in a ball of fire. As smoke billowed out of the crash site, the sight left the spectators shocked.

"Deeply anguished at the loss of a brave and courageous IAF pilot during an aerial display in Dubai Air Show. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. The nation stands firmly with the family in this tragic hour," Singh said.

Earlier in the day, the IAF said in a brief statement that it deeply regretted the loss of life of the pilot in the accident, and stood firmly with the bereaved family. "A court of inquiry is being constituted to ascertain the cause of the accident," the IAF said on its X handle.

More details related to the deceased pilot and the court of inquiry are awaited. The Dubai Air Show is a biennial event held in the UAE and has both flying and static displays.

Firefighters work at the site of a crash involving HAL Tejas fighter jet at the Dubai Air Show on Friday. REUTERS

MID-AIR SETBACKS The Tejas crash at Dubai air show is the second LCA accident in two years

- In **March 2024**, a Tejas crashed near Jaisalmer
- Way back in **1989**, a Mirage-2000 crashed in front of the audience at the Palam air show, killing its pilot

Strong safety record

- Despite incidents, Tejas has a good safety record
- Single-engine, home-grown combat jet set to be IAF's mainstay

HAL deliveries

- HAL has delivered **38** Tejas Mk-1; 2 more pending from first order
- HAL signed contracts to supply **180** Tejas Mk-1A worth **Rs 1.12 lakh crore**; deliveries yet to begin
- Mk-1A will feature **40+** upgrades over first-gen jets
- HAL manufactures Tejas in Bengaluru and Nashik

Air show star

- Two IAF squadrons (Flying Daggers, Flying Bullets) have flown thousands of sorties
- Tejas regularly features at Aero India and international exercises
- PM Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, PV Sindhu, MP Tejasvi Surya and senior officers have flown in Tejas

Compiled by **Kalyan Ray**

'Courageous pilot'

State-run aerospace behemoth Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), the manufacturer of Tejas aircraft, on Friday said it was deeply saddened by the loss of life of the "courageous IAF pilot", who has been identified as Wing Commander Namansh Syal.

He was killed on Friday after the indigenous multi-role Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) crashed in a ball of fire.

It was the second time in 20 months that the aircraft manufactured by HAL was involved in a crash. The earlier accident occurred in Jaisalmer in Rajasthan in March last year, but the pilot ejected safely.

"HAL is deeply saddened by the loss of the courageous IAF pilot during the aerial display at the Dubai Air Show. HAL expresses its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. @IAF_MCC @SpokespersonMoD @DefProdnIndia," HAL posted on X.

As the crash inside the grounds of an airfield in Dubai cast a tragic shadow on an otherwise mega spectacle on the last day of the event in the desert city, visuals of the accident aired on TV channels showed the jet abruptly dropping height after what looked like a low-altitude manoeuvre and then nosedived into the ground in a matter of seconds before being engulfed in a ball of fire.

Black smoke billowed over the Al Maktoum International Airport, as horrified spectators, including women and children, seated at a grandstand area behind a fenced airstrip, watched in shock.

GE Aerospace prepared to support probe into crash

GE Aerospace is prepared to support the investigation into what caused a crash of a Indian home-produced Tejas fighter jet at the Dubai Airshow, a spokesperson for the company said on Friday, reports Reuters. It was the second known crash of the fighter jet, which is built by state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and powered by General Electric engines.

Samrat Choudhary is Bihar's new home minister

Nitish held the portfolio for the past two decades

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

In a major shift in the balance of power, Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary has been appointed as the new Home Minister of Bihar.

This is the first time in the last two decades that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has given up the Home portfolio, a ministry he always kept with himself, which helped him establish the rule of law in the state.

Samrat Choudhary

Samrat, who has been elected as the leader of the BJP Legislature Party, served as the Finance Minister in the previous regime, besides being the Deputy CM.

Meanwhile, the other Deputy CM Vijay Sinha, also a BJP leader, has been allotted the Revenue and Land Reforms Department, besides Mines and Geology, while the state party president Dilip Jaiswal will be the new Industry Minister. In the previous government, Nitish Mishra, son of former CM Dr Jagannath Mishra, held the Industry portfolio.

Senior-most JD(U) leader Bijendra Yadav, who has won for the ninth time, will be the new Finance Minister, besides holding the portfolio of Energy Department and Commercial Taxes.

Another BJP leader, Mangal Pandey, will continue as Health Minister. Nitin Nabin, too, will continue to hold his old portfolio of Road Construction, while Ram Kripal Yadav, inducted as a minister for the first time, will look after the Agriculture Department.

The youngest minister in the Nitish Cabinet, Shreyasi Singh, has been made Minister for Information Technology and Sports.

Deepak Prakash, Upendra Kushwaha's son and the last-minute surprise induction, will be the Panchayati Raj minister.

Altogether 26 ministers, besides Nitish, were sworn in on Thursday. Out of 26, 14 were from the BJP, eight from the JD(U), two from the LJP(RV) and one each from the HAM and RLM.

Among the other JD(U) ministers, former Assembly Speaker Vijay Choudhary will serve as the Parliamentary Affairs Minister, besides holding the additional charge of Water Resources. IPS-turned-politician Sunil Kumar will continue as the Education Minister, while Ashok Choudhary will be Minister for Rural Works.

'War on working people': Trade unions hit out at new labour codes

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS:

STRONG CRITIQUE

- 10 unions 'strongly condemned' the 'blatantly unilateral' implementation of 'anti-worker, pro-employer' labour codes
- Claim it is Union government's 'deceptive fraud' against workers
- Say Centre is trying to take India back to the era of master-servant relationship'

Ten central trade unions affiliated to the Opposition on Friday described the implementation of four labour codes as "genocidal attacks" and "war on the working masses", and also called upon workers to "rise in rage" in joint action with farmers on November 26 to demand their scrapping.

However, RSS-affiliated BMS hailed the Narendra Modi government for implementing the long-awaited Labour Codes — the Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 — aimed at "ensuring dignity, protection and progressive welfare" for India's workforce.

In a joint statement, the 10 Opposition trade unions — INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AIUTUC, TUCC, SEWA, AICCTU, LPF, and UTUC — "strongly condemned" the "blatantly unilateral" implementation of the "anti-worker, pro-employer" labour codes, claiming that it was the Union government's "deceptive fraud" against workers.

They alleged that the notifications, amidst "deepening unemployment crisis, rising inflation", were "nothing short of a declaration of war on the working masses", and that the Union government is in "cahoots with its capitalist cronies" and was attempting to take the country "back to the exploitative era of master-servant relationship".

"In spite of the stiff resistance, the ruling regime..., dizzied with the victory in Bihar elections, has felt super empowered to make the four labour codes effective from today," it said, adding that its November 13 and 20 requests on labour codes and other issues were ignored.

The unions called the working people to "rise in rage in the joint action of combative resistance and defiance" on November 26.

They asked workers to wear black badges at the workplaces "to demonstrate defiance" and, from Monday onwards, to hold gate meetings and street corner meetings, among others, on a war footing to "expose the designs" of the Union government, which was "trying to enslave wealth-producers to profit-mongers".

Won't rest until timelines fixed for Guv on Bills: Stalin

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Friday called for the amending of Article 200 of the Constitution to fix timelines for Governors to clear Bills passed by state legislatures.

He also asserted that the Supreme Court's opinion while answering the Presidential Reference on the matter would have "no impact" on the April 8, 2025, judgment that deemed 10 Bills withheld by Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi as having received assent.

MK Stalin

In a statement, Stalin said the DMK's fight for states' rights and true federalism would continue, and interpreted Thursday's opinion to mean that the apex court had rejected Ravi's "theory of pocket veto" and assertion that Bills could be killed or buried by the Raj Bhavan.

"Through our legal battle, we have now compelled Governors — including the Tamil Nadu Governor — who are at odds with elected governments across the country to work in line with the governments and be accountable for their deliberate inaction in response to the people's will through legislation," said Stalin.

The TN government's legal battle had also empowered the Constitutional courts to review their actions if they obstructed the passage of Bills indefinitely, and that they could not hide behind Article 361.

Stalin's statement comes a day after the Supreme Court said timelines could not be imposed on Governors to decide on Bills passed by Assemblies.

"No rest until amending the Constitution to fix timelines for Governors to clear Bills. The Supreme Court's opinion in its answer to the Presidential Reference will have no impact on the April 8, 2025 judgment in the case of State of Tamil Nadu v Governor of Tamil Nadu," he added.

'Cabinet full of corrupt leaders, criminals'

BETTIAH, PTI

Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor on Friday alleged that the new cabinet of the Nitish Kumar government in Bihar was full of corrupt and criminal leaders.

Speaking to reporters after a day-long silent fast at Gandhi Ashram in West Champaran, Kishor also said his party will launch the 'Bihar Navnirman Sankalp Yatra' on January 15, during which Jan Suraaj Party workers will visit all houses in the state.

Prashant Kishor

"The new cabinet of Nitish Kumar, which took oath on Thursday, is full of corrupts and criminals. I must say that this council of ministers is a slap in the face of the people of Bihar. It's like rubbing salt on the wound as several corrupt leaders were inducted," he alleged, days after drubbing in the recently held assembly elections in the state.

Kishor claimed the leaders inducted into the cabinet indicate that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and CM Kumar are least concerned about Bihar.

"They have purchased votes by transferring Rs 10,000 into the bank account of more than 1 crore women. Now, they have no concern for the state or the people," he alleged.

"If I am saying anything wrong, the state government can put me behind bars," he added.

Kishor claimed the government diverted funds from the state's contingency fund and a grant from the World Bank for the cash transfer scheme.

"Now, we will ensure that women get Rs 2 lakh as promised by the NDA ahead of the polls," he said.

Kishore said as part of the 'Bihar Navnirman Sankalp Yatra', Jan Suraaj Party workers, including him, will visit every house in the state.

"We will visit all houses in the state over 15-18 months and create awareness among the people about the misdeeds of this government. The organisation of the Jan Suraaj Party will be strengthened before the campaign starts," he said.

The former poll strategist said he will donate 905 of his income over the next five years for the party's campaign.

"Besides, whatever assets I have acquired in the last 20 years, except my Delhi house, I will donate those for the party," he said.

"Now, I request the people of Bihar to donate just Rs 1,000 to the party on a yearly basis. I will not meet anyone who doesn't donate this amount to the party," he said.

Boiler burst kills three at Rajasthan cement factory

JAIPUR, PTI: Three workers were killed on Friday after boiling hot material fell on them at a cement factory in Rajasthan's Beawar, police said.

The deceased were identified as Ajay Kumar (21), Pappu Kumar (25) and Govind Maurya (22), they said.

The incident occurred when a boiler burst and hot material fell on the labourers.

"The labourers received more than 90% burns and died on the spot," the police said. Ajay and Govind had joined work on Friday, while Pappu had been employed for about a month.

Srinagar cops expand inspection drive

SRINAGAR, PTI: In a series of coordinated operations aimed at bolstering security and ensuring compliance with regulatory norms, the Srinagar Police have been conducting extensive inspection drives across medical institutions, chemical and fertiliser shops, and car dealerships over the last two days, an official spokesperson said here on Friday.

An accused in the Red Fort car blast case is brought to New Delhi's Patiala House Court. PTI

This move is seen as a precautionary step after the busting of a "white-collar terror" module by special teams formed by SSP (Srinagar) G V Sundeep Chakravarthy.

The Srinagar police, on consecutive days, carried out checks at locker facilities and storage racks of various hospitals and public health centres to ensure that no illegal or hazardous material was present.

According to the spokesperson, police teams, accompanied by health department officials, reminded the hospital staff to use lockers strictly for official purposes and maintain proper records.

On Friday, the police shifted their focus to the commercial sector.

Police teams checked for proper maintenance of stock and sales records, identity verification procedures for bulk purchasers, and secure storage of materials with potential security implications, besides ensuring the validity of licences and adherence to regulatory norms.

Af delegation arrives in India; seeks investments

NEW DELHI, PTI: Afghanistan's Commerce and Industry Minister Alhaj Nooruddin Azizi on Friday invited Indian businesses to invest in the landlocked nation, promising a conducive environment to foster bilateral trade and boost economic cooperation.

He outlined mining, agriculture, health and pharmaceuticals, information technology, energy and textiles as areas where significant opportunities exist for business engagement.

Azizi, along with a high-powered delegation, arrived in the national capital on a five-day visit to the country.

BJP begins preps to elect its next chief

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

DELIBERATIONS PICK UP PACE

- Election in-charge K Laxman holds meetings with the senior leadership – including Amit Shah
- A change in the top guard, however, is unlikely this year and is expected to happen only in the initial months of 2026
- There is a sustained buzz around a few leaders, including Dharmendra Pradhan and Bhupendra Yadav for post.

After securing a solid win in Bihar, the BJP now has its sights inwards—on its organisational changes. The party is now going ahead with preparations for its presidential elections.

Deliberations for the internal polls, which have seen some delay, picked up pace, with election in-charge K Laxman holding meetings with the senior leadership — including Union Home Minister Amit Shah—on the day of the Bihar election results.

BJP sources involved in the process said electoral colleges were being prepared across 29 states and UTs where organisational elections had been completed. While the BJP's constitution mandates that organisational polls must be held in at least 19 states for the process to continue, the process has been completed in 29 states and UTs so far.

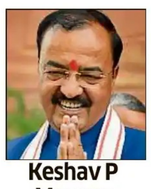
A change in the top guard, however, is unlikely this year and is expected to happen only in the initial months of 2026.

Four state BJP units — including those in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka—are yet to conduct the internal polling. The hold-up in UP is said to be some organisational work.

"The special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Uttar Pradesh will continue till the first week of December, and that is the party's current priority," a BJP leader told *DH*.

A leader said the party was also wary of starting something during the Uttarayana phase, which will conclude on January 15.

"The period is considered inauspicious, and given how the extensions for the party president have stretched, the leadership wants it done on a good note," explained the leader.



Keshav P Maurya

Dharmendra Pradhan

While J P Nadda has been given at least two extensions, the focus is now on who will be the next BJP president.

While many names have been circulating in the last few weeks, there is a sustained buzz around a few leaders, including Dharmendra Pradhan and Bhupendra Yadav. The name of UP Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya, considered close to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is also doing the rounds.

Student suicides ignite calls for school reforms

NEW DELHI, PTI

OUTRAGE GROWS

- Parents call for govt takeover of institutions
- Experts push 'mentally healthy schools'
- Spate of deaths highlights gaps in school mental health support

As outrage over student suicides intensifies, experts are calling for reforms to create "mentally healthy schools" while parents' associations are demanding "government takeover" of institutions linked to such cases. In all, the focus is on systematic changes to prevent further loss of young lives.

On Tuesday, a class 10 student of the St Columba's School of New Delhi, who once dreamt of becoming "the next Shah Rukh Khan", took a fatal step and jumped from the platform of Rajendra Place Metro Station on Tuesday, following months of alleged harassment by his teachers.

While the incident has sparked nationwide debate, with some blaming schools and others siding with parents, mental health expert Neha Kirpal cautions that such polarisation is misplaced. She says that "suicidality is everyone's responsibility"—encompassing teachers, parents, caregivers and the wider community — no one can absolve themselves of it.

There has been a spate of such tragic incidents in recent weeks.

Apart from the Delhi case, a 17-year-old class 11 student in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa died by suicide after alleging that a male teacher had physically assaulted her.

Earlier this month, a nine-year-old girl in Jaipur jumped from the fourth floor of her school building after allegedly facing relentless bullying.

Experts highlight a growing trend of suicidality among children, pointing out that India accounts for one-third of the global suicide burden.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104)

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BHADRAVATHI

ನಂ.ನಸಭ/ಕಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿಆರ್/07/2025-26 Date : 15.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Government e-procurement Portal)

Item-war Tenders have been invited in Double-cover system through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 procedure and as per Karnataka Standard Tender Document KW-2 & KW-1 to undertake total 04 package works worth **Rs 60.25 lakhs** sanctioned under the Residual scheme of 15th Finance Commission Grants for the year 2021-22 to 2023-24. The eligible bidders can participate in the tender through **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

1. The last date for submission of tender forms through e-procurement portal: Date **02.12.2025 upto 5.30 P M. 2.** Date of opening of Technical Tender through e-procurement: **04.12.2025 after 11.00 A M.** through online. If the above date happens to be a general holiday, the next day will be considered. **3.** Date of opening of Financial bid through e-procurement will be intimated later. **4.** Period for completion of work 30 days. **5.** Regarding tender uploading, contact e-portal helpline No. : 080-22485867 or 080-25501216 and helpdesk email: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**. For more details visit website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and at the office of the Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi/ Asst. Executive Engineer, City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi. **6.** Any changes/ corrigendum will be notified in e-portal only. The tenderers must abide by all the conditions prescribed in the tender documents.

Sd/-
Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi

DIPR/SMG/No.79.11/Zenkar/2025-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಲೆಕ್ಕಪರಿಶೋಧನಾ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ

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ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–26610610 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: adca-act-ka@nic.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಲೆಕ್ಕ/ಎಸ್‌ಟಿಎನ್/97/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–11–2025

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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Date of Publishing tender documentation in the e-Procurement Website	**21.11.2025**
Pre-Bid Meeting	**28.11.2025 Time: 11.30 AM**
Bid due Date for Submission of Bids in the e-Procurement Website	**20.12.2025 Time: 5.30 PM**
Date and Time for Opening of the Technical Bid	**22.12.2025 Time: 2.30 PM**
Date and Time for Opening of the Financial Bid	**02.01.2026 Time: 11.30 PM**

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DIPR/CP/3961/SPAN/2025-26

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT

Office of the Estate Officer, Udyanagiri,
Near Simileri By-Pass, Bagalkot-587104

No: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-209/2025-26 Date: 21-11-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting tender for the **Laboratories furnitures (modular lab) and purchase and installation of scientific equipments** under **KKRDB** project for the use of COH, Koppal (Munirabad). The interested suppliers are requested to participate in the tender online through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal**. For more details, please contact Ph.No: 08354-230258 and visit the link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed specification, conditions and schedule of events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last date and time for tender queries / clarification.	05-12-2025	@	14.00 Hrs
2	Pre bid meeting	10-12-2025	@	11.00 Hrs
3	Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	22-12-2025	@	16.00 Hrs
4	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	24-12-2025	@	11.00 Hrs
5	Date and time for opening of Financial Bid (if possible)	26-12-2025	@	12.00 Hrs

All bidders shall get updated with corrigendum / addendum received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting KPP portal.

Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER, UHS, BAGALKOT

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Directorate of Medical Education

BMC&RI (Old Building), 1st Floor, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002. Phone: 080-22870060 Fax: 080-22875798
E-mail: dmekarnataka@yahoo.com

No: ME/Tender/11/2025-26 Date: 20-11-2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited for the **Purchase of Medical Equipments for the Super Speciality Departments GIMS Gulbarga.** Tender Document and E.M.D., details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the KPP Portal. Interested tenderers have to register in the KPP Portal, details of which can be viewed in the Website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders Dt: 21-11-2025

Pre-Bid Meeting Dt: 01-12-2025 at 11.30 AM

Last date for Uploading the Tenders Dt: 20-12-2025 before 5.00 PM

Date of Opening of Technical Bid Dt: 23-12-2025 at 11.30 AM

For further details contact **Director of Medical Education, BMC&RI (Old Building), 1st Floor, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002.**

Sd/- Director
Director of Medical Education, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3960/Adverto/2025-26

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No: ME/Tender/12/2025-26 Date: 20-11-2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited for the **Purchase of Medical Equipments for Burns Ward and STP to GIMS Gulbarga.** Tender Document and E.M.D., details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the KPP Portal. Interested tenderers have to register in the KPP Portal, details of which can be viewed in the Website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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Sd/- Director
Director of Medical Education, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3959/Adverto/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL

NO.RWS/Dn/KPL/SMB/2025-26/954 Date:21/11/2025

KPPP NOTIFICATION (Second Call)
Double Cover System

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for SBMG Work The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through kppp portol mode through portol **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

General Information: (1) Contractor should submit the Tender Bid Documents through Online Only. **(2)** All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. **(3)** EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only **(4) Two Cover** Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:**eerwsskpl@gmail.com** in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from **25/11/2025**

Tender Processing Fee : **As Per KPPP Portol (1)** Tender Downloading Date : **25/11/2025** Time: **10:00 AM to 02/12/2025 16:00** Hours. **(2)** Tender receiving Date and Time : **25/11/2025 Time : 10:00 AM to 02/12/2025 16:00** Hours. **(3)** Technical Bid Opening Date and Time : **03/12/2025 Date:16:30** Hours. **(4)** Financial Bid Opening after approval of the technical bid from the Competent Authority : **05/12/2025 Time: 11:00 AM** to or After Obtaining the Technical Bid Approval from the Competent Authority.

The Contractors should produce the Original Documents within 8 days from the open of the tender. If failed such Contractor candidature will not be considered.

Name of Work : DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 3KLD FSTP AT UDAMAKAL VILLAGE OF GANGAVATHI TALUKA KOPPAL DIST KOPPAL TALUKA KOPPAL DIST. Amount Put to Tender (in Lakhs) : **Rs.65.29.** EMD Amount Through Eproc : **(Rs)Rs.1,31,000=00**. Tender Period : **06 Months. Category : GNL.**

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id : **eerwsskpl@gmail.com** in Office Hours and also through Website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal

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DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES

Maulana Azad Bhavan, No.16C, Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No.: DOM/KAS /TENDER/CR-07/2025-26 Dated: 22-11-2025

Announcement of Tender

Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities for providing 10 months Pre-Examination training to Minority students for **KAS Gazetted Probationers** at Haj Bhavan, Bengaluru for the year 2025-26. Interested & eligible bidders/institutes can apply through e-procurement portal. The schedule of tender will be as follows.

Sl. No.	No. of Details	Date/Time
1.	Date of Tender Publication	**22.11.2025**
2.	Tender Amount:	**Rs. 150.00 Lakhs.**
3.	EMD Amount:	**Rs.2.25 Lakhs.**
4.	Pre-bid meeting:	**28.11.2025 at 12:30 p.m.**
5.	Last date and time for submission of tender:	**22.12.2025 by 5:30 p.m.**
6.	Date and time of Technical bid opening:	**24.12.2025 at 11:30 a.m.**
7.	Date and time of Financial bid opening:	**29.12.2025 at 3:00 p.m.**
8.	Place of tender opening and contact address:	Maulana Azad Bhawan, No.16C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
9.	Telephone No. to be contacted	**080-22535902 080-22535912**

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-Procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Joint Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3939/2025-26

ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ನಂ.7, ಹೇಮಾವತಿ ಎಡದಂಡೆ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ, (ನಿ), ನಾಗಮಂಗಲ.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08234–200058
ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08234–286019
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: eeno7nag@gmail.com

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:05/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.11.2025
(ಇ=ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಏಕಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ) (ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ)

ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುವ 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ) ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. 04 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಠೇವಣಿಯನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.11.2025 ರಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.12.2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 16.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, Pre bid Meeting ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.11.2025 ರಂದು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಗೊರೂರು, ಹಾಸನ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 12.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 08.12.2025 ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗಳು ನಂತರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಪಡೆದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.12.2025 ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 12.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.334.48 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ, 250.24 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 5,02,500.00/–ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 3,75,500.00/–ಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಬೆಲೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ ಮುಂತಾದ ಇತರೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ನಂ.7, ಹೇಮಾವತಿ ಎಡದಂಡೆ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ನಾಗಮಂಗಲ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿ&ಎ/583/2025–26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ–576229. ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. e mail: eevpzone@gmail.com

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಏಕ/ದ್ವಿ– ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 09 & 10/2025–26/1153 &1154 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19/11/2025

ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಡಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ

(1) ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 145.17, 5.52 & 5.52 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು (2) ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20/11/2025. (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ/ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26/11/2025 (4) ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28/11/2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (5) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29/11/2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.15 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ, ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಸಿದ್ಧಾಪುರ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಸನಿಲು/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/546/25–26 ದಿ: 21.11.25

KARNATAKA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

Ugrana Bhavana, No.43, Primrose Road, Bengaluru - 560025
Phone: 080-29533679, Fax: 080-29533673 email:mdkswc2018@gmail.com

No:KSWC/ADM/Tender/2025-26/1686 Dated: 21.11.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-Tenders are invited from the eligible outsourcing manpower supply Agencies, through KPP Portal, to supply the necessary manpower for the KSWC Hubli Regional Office as well as to the Warehouse centers in the region.

Calendar of events

Tender No: KSWC/2025-26/SE0113	
Tenders submission begins date:	**21-11-2025 at 5.00 P.M**
Pre tender bid meeting date:	**25-11-2025 at 11.30 A.M**
The last date for submission of tenders:	**01-12-2025 upto 4:00 P.M**
Date of opening the Technical bid:	**02-12-2025 at 4:30 P.M**
Date of opening the Financial bid:	**03-12-2025 at 11.00 A.M**

For more details, the tenderer may refer to e-procurement website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact the office helpline +91-8046010000 / +91-8068948777.

Sd/-
Managing Director

DIPR/CP/3955/CCL/2025-26

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR

[ICAR, NAAC accredited and UGC u/s 12(B) & 2(f) approved]
Stores Purchase Officer, UAS, Raichur - 584104,
E-mail: spo@uasraichur.edu.in Ph: 08532-220165

E-Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-10/2025-26, Dt: 21.11.2025.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of agricultural sciences, raichur is inviting e-tender notification for STRENGTHENING OF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON PLANT GENOMICS TOWARDS DEVELOPING CLIMATE RESILIENCE CROPS & TRAINING THE YOUTH IN MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES COMPLETE ON TURNKEY BASIS INCLUDING PROCURMENT OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENTS, FURNITURES & CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST FLOOR AT UAS RAICHUR the interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. The website address is www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Indent Number:-UASRCR/2025-26/IND0068. The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 22.12.2025.

Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer
UAS, Raichur.

DIP/RCR/557/KSMCA/559/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KOPPAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (R), KOPPAL (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)

ನೊಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:KOL-S243-2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ:15–03–2013
Website: www.kimskoppal.com email: directorkimskoppal@gmail.com
Office : 08539 225522 Office : 08539-225523

No: KIMS/Koppal/Tender/2025-26/468 Date: 21/11/2025

E-TENDER-NOTIFICATION

E- Tender is invited for Supply of Medical Books and Renovation of 250 Auditorium Gallery at KIMS Koppal under two cover Bid system as per KTPP Act 1999 rule 2000 KPPP portal of Government of Karnataka. ,

1) Tender documents may download from the **24/11/2025** from 05.30 PM
2) Tender must be submitted online on before **09/12/2025** @5.30 PM
3) Technical Bids will be opened on **11/12/2025** @11.30AM
4) Price Bid will be opened on **15/12/2025** @11.30 AM

Further information may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and this office web-site www.kimskoppal.kar.nic.in

DIPR/Koppal/467/KSMCA/2025-26 **Sd/-Director, KIMS Koppal.**

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Karnataka)
3rd Floor, BMTC Complex, Kengal Hanumanthaiah Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru-560 027

No.BMRCL/PD/Nagawara Stn-PD/1/2025-26 Date:21.11.2025

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) For Property Development at Nagawara Metro Station

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from reputed developers, corporates, co-working operators, and retail or mall chains for the development of approximately 23,392.24 square meters of under construction built-up area across four floors at Nagawara Metro Station, Bengaluru, likely to be available for use by December 2026.

Project Details	Area in Square Meters
First Floor	6835.57
Second Floor	6721.03
Third Floor	4677.02
Fourth Floor	5158.62
Total	**23,392.24**

In addition, a vacant site measuring 3,225.73 square meters abutting the station is available for development of multi-level parking facilities as per building bylaws. The parking structure is to be planned and constructed as an integral part of this property development proposal, ensuring adequate parking provision in line with applicable regulations.

The first two floors have been structurally completed with columns, beams, and slabs (side walls pending), while the balance two floors will be completed in about eight to ten months. Nagawara Metro Station offers a prime commercial opportunity in North Bengaluru, close to Manyata Tech Park, Karle Town Centre, and large residential catchments. The Metro Station is scheduled to be operational by the December 2026. The property is directly integrated with the metro, ensuring seamless citywide connectivity and future airport access. The space is suitable for Grade-A offices, co-working hubs, or premium shopping malls, with scope for incorporating dedicated lifts and escalators from the concourse and platform levels. The detailed floor plans are available on the BMRCL website: bmrc.co.in Site visits will be facilitated between **28th and 29th November 2025 (10:00-13:00 hrs and 15:00-17:00 hrs).** Our site engineers will be available to furnish relevant details.

Interested entities are invited to submit their EoI with details of their organization, relevant track record in real estate or commercial development, proposed concept for utilization of the space, indicative business model, and broad activation timeline. Respondents are encouraged to also share financial capacity, audited turnover, and years of experience. At the tender stage, BMRCL will prescribe minimum eligibility such as turnover and at least five years of relevant experience.

BMRCL will evaluate all EoIs and, based on the concepts and feedback received, may finalize the development model and issue a formal tender. The tender will incorporate relevant features from the EoI process to align with market expectations and long-term viability. Submission of an EoI does not create any binding commitment, though only respondents to this EoI may be eligible to participate in the subsequent tender.

Completed submissions with supporting documents must be delivered in hard copy to The Director (Finance) Corporate Office, 3th Floor, BMTC Complex, Shantinagar,Bengaluru-560027 by the **15th December 2025.**

Sd/- (Director-Finance)

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, JEWARGI

Near Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue, B.B Main Road, Jewragi-585310, Tq. Jewargi
Dist. Kalaburagi e-mail: ka.jewargi.tmc@gmail.com Website: www.jewargitown.mrc.gov.in

No.TMCJ/AMRUT-2.0/2025-26 Date: 14.11.2025

:: KPP PORTAL TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Name of Work: Development of Parks at Sy No.15 & 16, 20, 13 and Devaramani Layout Under Amrut 2.O Scheme in Jewargi Town **(Indent No. DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT51486,** 2) ESTIMATE AMOUNT : **Rs. 119.24 Lakhs,** 3) Contractor eligibility: Class-I PWD Civil Contractor, 4) Last Date for tender Submit : **27.11.2025 Evening 5:30 PM,** 5) Tender Opening Date: **29.11.2025 Morning 11:00 AM,** 6) EMD Amount : As per KPP Portal Karnataka, 7) IF Any Information Contact person: Chief Officer TMC Jewargi 08442-236046 8) Email Id: ka.jewargi.tmc@gmail.com Website: www.jewargitown.mrc.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Officer
TMC Jewargi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/759/KSMC&A/2025-26

ರಾಯಚೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಹಕಾರ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ ನಿಯಮಿತ.

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಗಂಜ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು – 584102. (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಪ್ರ:ಕಾ/ನೇ.ನೇಮಕಾತಿ/01–03/ಆರ್.ಪಿ.ಸಿ/2025–26/ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.11.2025

ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ರಾಯಚೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಹಕಾರ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ ನಿಯಮಿತ.,ರಾಯಚೂರು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿಯಿರುವ ಉಳಿಕೆ ಮೂಲ ವೃಂದದ/ ರಾಜ್ಯ ವೃಂದದಲ್ಲಿನ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಗ್ರೂಪ್–"ಎ", ಗ್ರೂಪ್–"ಬಿ" ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರೂಪ್–"ಸಿ" ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂ:ಆರ್‌ಸಿಎಸ್/ಸಿಆರ್‌ಡಿ/ಸಿಎಬಿ–5/28/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.07.2025 ರಿತ್ಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಆನ್–ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಲಿಂಕ್ **https://tascguru.com/raichur-dcc-bank/** ಇದರ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ 21–11–2025
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 22–12–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ದಿನಾಂಕ(ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ) 15–01–2026

ಉಳಿಕೆ ಮೂಲ ವೃಂದದ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು/ ರಾಜ್ಯ ವೃಂದದ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಪದನಾಮ	ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ
1	ಶಾಖಾ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು ಗ್ರೇಡ–1	04	61300–1500–64300–1650–74200–1900–85600–2300–99400–2700–112900
2	ಸಹಾಯಕರ ಗ್ರೇಡ–1	11	44425–1125–47800–1250–52800–1375–58300–1500–64300–1650–74200–1900–83700
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Supreme Court nixes medical aspirant's plea to change MBBS seat

Says it will not risk loss of a valuable medical seat at this advanced stage of admissions

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a candidate's plea to change her allocation of seat in the NEET-UG 2025 counselling process, stressing that it would not risk the loss of a valuable medical seat at this advanced stage of admissions.

A bench of Justice P S Narasimha and Justice Atul S Chandurkar said allowing the student to vacate her Medical Counselling Committee (MCC)-allotted seat just to secure a cheaper option could ultimately lead to the wastage of a medical seat for the entire academic course, a matter of public interest given the country's medical education demands.

The court emphasised preserving the integrity of the admission process and ensuring that valuable medical seats did not remain vacant due to mid-cycle changes.

While aspirants continue to navigate unpredictable counselling cycles, the court's decision sets a clear precedent that financial considerations alone cannot justify disruption to a structured admission schedule

The bench heard Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the MCC, and advocate Subhash Sagar for the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA).

The medical aspirant approached the court seeking relief after being denied the opportunity to switch from her existing MCC-allotted seat to a provisionally allotted seat under the KEA. Her plea highlighted the hardships faced by students when sudden policy changes and additional seats are issued after earlier rounds of counselling.

The petitioner participated in the MCC counselling process for undergraduate medical admissions to the MBBS course.

During the relevant round of counselling, she was allotted a seat at KLE Jagadguru Gangadhar Mahaswamigalu Moorsavirmath Medical College in Karnataka's Hubballi.

According to her submissions, she felt compelled to accept the seat owing to the lack of better options at the time.

Subsequently, the KEA issued a fresh notification announcing the third round counselling, which included 450 new seats that had not been part of the first and second rounds.

This significantly altered the admission landscape, offering new opportunities to candidates who had already exhausted their choices, she submitted.

Leaving with a sense of satisfaction: CJI B R Gavai

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Outgoing Chief Justice of India B R Gavai on Friday said that he was leaving the institution "with a full sense of satisfaction" and as a "student of justice" on conclusion of his journey as a lawyer and a judge that spanned nearly 4 decades.

"When I leave this courtroom for the last time, I leave this court all with full sense of satisfaction, the full sense of contentment that I have done whatever I could have done for this country...Thank you. Thank you very much," a visibly emotional Justice Gavai said in the courtroom packed with law officers, senior advocates, and young lawyers.

On the last working day on Friday, the CJI, choked with emotions, said that he always believed that everybody, every judge, every lawyer, is governed by the principles on which our Constitution works, that is, equality, justice, liberty, and fraternity. He tried to discharge my duties within the four corners of the Constitution.

Justice Gavai

Justice Gavai, who is to superannuate on November 23, pronounced some landmark verdicts, including that of the recent one that courts can not fix a timeline for the Governor and President to give assent to bills passed by the state Assemblies and many more.

He was part of the Constitution Bench that upheld the abrogation of Article 370 and struck down the electoral bonds scheme.

He was part of the three-judge bench which stayed Rahul Gandhi's criminal defamation conviction. In 2024, he was on the division bench which granted bail to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia after 17 months of incarceration.

Justice Gavai, the second Dalit Chief Justice of India after Justice K G Balakrishnan and the first Buddhist to hold the top judicial post, narrating about his journey, said that he recalled starting his legal career in 1985 and evolving through various stages to eventually lead the apex court.

Kerala ex-minister likely to come under Sabarimala gold heist probe

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: Kerala's former devaswom minister and CPM leader Kadakampally Surendran is likely to come under probe in the Sabarimala gold heist case.

Surendran was the devaswom minister at the time the gold heist took place in 2019, and he was also suspected to be involved in giving the nod for Bengaluru-based Keralite Unnikrishnan Potti to take the coverings of the 'Dwarapalaka idols' and door frames for gold plating, thereby flouting norms.

Even as Surendran was maintaining that he had no involvement in it, the then president of the Travancore Devaswom Board, A Padmakumar, who was arrested on Thursday, was learnt to have admitted that Potti's request reached the board through the state government only.

Pictures of Potti involved in a conversation with Surendran are also doing the rounds on social media.

Meanwhile, the ruling CPM seems to be in a dilemma on the action to be taken against Padmakumar, who is a district committee member of the party in Pathanamthitta.

CPM state secretary M V Govindan told reporters after the party state leadership meeting on Friday that the party would examine the reasons for Padmakumar's arrest and take any actions if required.

The party was learnt to be of the view that any hasty action against Padmakumar could lead to the interpretation that the party admits the CPM leader's involvement in gold heist.

PAC slams FSSAI for 'non-serious' food safety enforcement

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), headed by senior Congress MP KC Venugopal, on Friday pulled up the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for its "non-serious" approach to surveillance and enforcement of food safety standards.

It asked the FSSAI to furnish a clear roadmap for manpower expansion, filling vacancies, and reducing its dependency on outsourcing of jobs. The panel also sought details on penalties imposed and licences suspended or cancelled during enforcement actions.

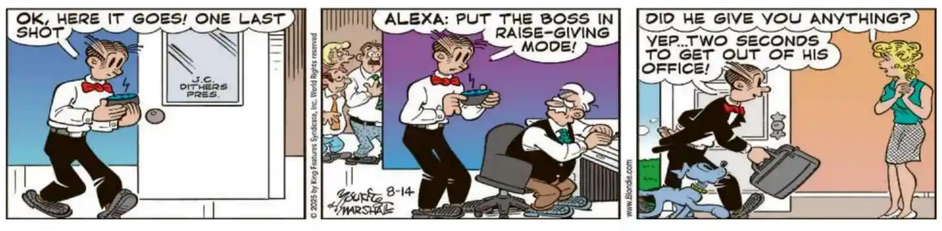
Officials of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the FSSAI briefed the PAC, which is currently undertaking a 'Performance Review of Regulatory Bodies Established by Acts of Parliament', including the FSSAI. Sources said MPs cutting across party lines found fault with the authority's functioning. According to sources, MPs raised concerns over the "non-serious" approach of the FSSAI in dealing with adulteration of food items such as ghee and milk. They complained that there is no effective mechanism across India.

The instance of adulterated ghee being supplied to the Tirupati temple was also mentioned during the meeting, with sources saying MPs felt the FSSAI had not carried out its responsibilities effectively.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie


OK, HERE IT GOES! ONE LAST SHOT
J.C. DITHERS PRES.
ALEXA: PUT THE BOSS IN RAISE-GIVING MODE!
DID HE GIVE YOU ANYTHING?
YEP..TWO SECONDS TO GET OUT OF HIS OFFICE!

Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

HEY, BIG BROTHER... I BROUGHT YOU A SOUVENIR FROM CAMP
HOW NICE...AN AUTHENTIC IMITATION ARROWHEAD!
IT WAS THE CHEAPEST THING I COULD FIND
HOW NICE...AN AUTHENTIC IMITATION SENTIMENT!

Marvin

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

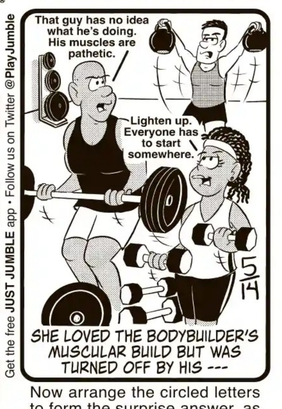
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OBTOA

LSIOP

NIWENR

SNRPGU


That guy has no idea what he's doing. His muscles are pathetic.
Lighten up. Everyone has to start somewhere.
SHE LOVED THE BODYBUILDER'S MUSCULAR BUILD BUT WAS TURNED OFF BY HIS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GLORY THINK SAILOR CANYON
Answer: When it came to the TV remote, his wife was — CONTROLLING

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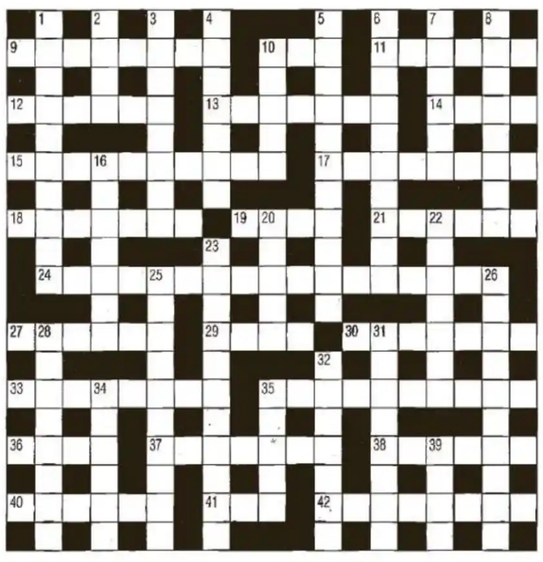

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
9 Getting a rebuke twice from the company myself (4,4)
10 "It's quite high, on a building," we put in (3)
11 Magazine I got stuck into in the nursery (6)
12 Finds out the figure one is being paid (6)
13 By contrast with, I repeat, the last half (7)
14 A cutting - a piece of paper (4)
15 The gossip about the lookalike is nonsense (6,4)
17 Offers to, but one stands firm (5,3)
18 One may be charged - with assault (7)
19 A figure's had a nought added to it, too (4)
21 Take advantage of the river's being in semi-flood (6)
24 Inkling that there's an informer in your midst? (8,9)
27 Female with a nice new boyfriend (6)
29 The club was prepared to, you say (4)
30 Must somehow get the painting back into the bank (7)
33 The woman calls round for the fruit (8)
35 Watches, for a while, bits of it (10)
36 A bag snatch (4)
37 Planning that makes sense (7)
38 Pulls off and the point breaks (6)
40 Air filter (6)
41 See as self-assertion (3)
42 Enticing the child inside, is obviously drunk (8)

DOWN
1 Happen to arrive at, with the permit (4,2,4)
2 A drop in the rent (4)
3 Finding much worse damage inside, give up (8)
4 Escape? Come off it! (7)
5 With "A votre sante." Having a little something to eat (6,5)
6 Or inform one the tin is designed to hold pasta (10)
7 Before marriage was she an American beauty queen? (6)
8 Being overweight, I guess, almost leaves me exhausted (8)
10 Follow the line (5)
16 Snapped the bird - the bird on the shore (7)
20 See the animal going in and catch it (5)
22 Rank as confidential (7)
23 How entry was made to the Ark by fish - quickly (2,3,6)
25 Remember to stay at home, but resent it (4,2,4)
26 After an upset, has us taking food, but it's disgusting (10)
28 It is found inside in hers, when one's left (8)
31 As parasites go, is this a record? (8)
32 Run, legs buckling, carrying the twit (7)
34 On the subject of fuel, it's nothing new (6)
35 The second time, a pudding comes with it (5)
39 Return the call (4)

EASY

ACROSS
9 Cabbage salad (8)
10 Tin (3)
11 Verbally (6)
12 Type of fruit acid (6)
13 Ogling (7)
14 Mislaid (4)
15 Rowdy (10)
17 Pinpoint (8)
18 Bent (7)
19 Operatic song (4)
21 Cultivatable (6)
24 Boxing category (5,12)
27 Haphazard (6)
29 Pay attention to (4)
30 Yells (7)
33 Habituate (8)
35 Estate (10)
36 Hold (4)
37 Angry fit (7)
38 Larder (6)
40 Hi-fi (6)
41 Slippery fish (3)
42 Bleaching agent (8)

DOWN
1 Flat (10)
2 Dread (4)
3 Facial injury (5,3)
4 Bird (7)
5 Foreseen (11)
6 Assemble (10)
7 Vote (6)
8 Ecstatic (8)
10 Board game (5)
16 Cadged (7)
20 Crest (5)
22 Increase (7)
23 Sane (5-6)
25 Bait (10)
26 Percussion instrument (10)
28 Correct (8)
31 Slingshot (8)
32 Canvas bed (7)
34 Referee (6)
35 Danger (5)
39 Average (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12293

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Whist 6, Spice (Girls) 9, Pointer 10, A-NG-Ry. 11, Caste 12, Rusty 13, Penni(n)es 15, Mum 17, Edit (rev) 18, L-OC-ate 19, Bison 20, Credit 22, F-I'd-O 24, Has 25, Pelican 26, Scour 27, Bijou 28, P-itch 29, Air 's-hot 30, Heart 31, Perry (Mason).
DOWN: 2, Hun-Ted 3, Spri-n-t 4, Toy (boy) 5, Ang-u-s 6, Sec-ti-on(d) 7, Pray 8, Cut-out 12, Remit 13, P-each 14, Nines 15, Ma-GI-c 16, Melon 18, Loser 19, Biscuit 21, Ra-vine 22, Finite 23, D-ance-r 25, Purse 26, Soar 28, Pop.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Carat 6, Padre 9, Drummer 10, Today 11, React 12, Padua 13, Sleeper 15, Wed 17, Lobs 18, Berate 19, Greed 20, Mental 22, Hope 24, Pry 25, Trainer 26, Piles 27, Stool 28, Adept 29, Restore 30, Acute 31, Crude.
DOWN: 2, Apollo 3, Adages 4, Try 5, Smear 6, Perused 7, Area 8, Racket 12, Pearl 13, Slump 14, Ebony 15, Wagon 16, Deter 18, Bears 19, Galilee 21, Erotic 22, Hinder 23, Peeped 25, Tenth 26, Port 28, Arc.

◆SU-DO-KU-6758◆

	9					8	4	1
	5	4			8			
			2		4			
9	4							2
7			4	2	3			8
3							6	7
			6		9			
			3			2	1	
4	6	3					9	

medium

SOLUTION TO 6757

2	6	3	4	5	7	1	8	9
4	5	7	8	9	1	3	2	6
9	1	8	6	3	2	5	4	7
1	3	5	9	4	6	8	7	2
7	9	6	2	8	3	4	5	1
8	2	4	1	7	5	9	6	3
6	4	1	5	2	9	7	3	8
5	7	2	3	1	8	6	9	4
3	8	9	7	6	4	2	1	5

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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E1	A1	U1	R1	L1	V4	E1		RACK 2
I1	R1	X8	D2	E1	P3	E1	2nd Letter Triple	RACK 3
E1	E1	S1	D2	W4	D2	K5	Double Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 170-180
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

SOLUTION TO 3211

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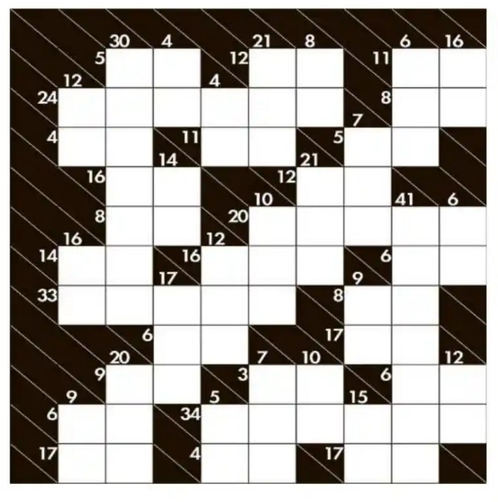

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

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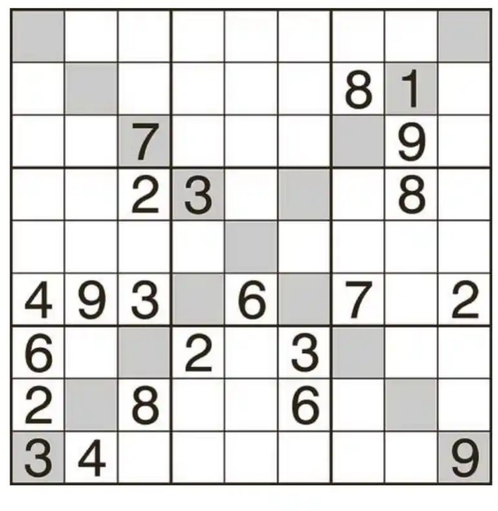

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

SOLUTION TO 3742

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Miss Mexico crowned Miss Universe after host insult drama

Walkout, judges' exit and stage falls mark finale

NONTHABURI, AFP

Miss Mexico was crowned Miss Universe in Thailand on Friday, strutting to victory after several dramatic missteps before the final round, including staging a walkout when an organiser of the beauty pageant chastised her.

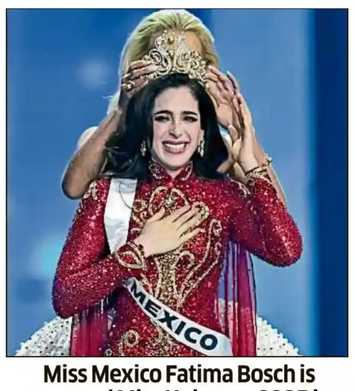
Contestants from Ivory Coast, the Philippines, Thailand and Venezuela also made it to the final stage, selected from more than 120 women vying for the title in a contest considered one of the "big four" of global beauty pageants.

However, chaos reigned before Miss Mexico Fatima Bosch was crowned, with allegations of an insult to her intelligence, judges quitting, and participants falling on and off the stage. Bosch staged a dramatic walkout this month from a meeting where she was lambasted by Miss Universe Thailand director Nawat Itsaragrisil.

Nawat appeared in a livestream of the event and singled her out during a dispute over her apparent failure to post promotional content on her social media accounts.

Bosch, flanked by Miss Iraq, walked out of the room after Nawat called for security to intervene.

Others appeared to rise in solidarity with Bosch, before freezing as Nawat warned that those still wanting to participate should "sit down". "What your director did is not respectful: he called me dumb," Bosch told reporters at the time. "The world needs to see this because we are empowered women and this is a platform for our voice."



Miss Mexico Fatima Bosch is crowned Miss Universe 2025 in Bangkok on Friday. AFP

The newly crowned winner told a press conference on Friday that she would like to be remembered as "a Miss Universe that wasn't afraid to be herself" and "a person that changed, a little bit, the prototype of what is a Miss Universe".

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum had called Bosch an "example of how we women should speak out" in the face of aggression after the incident with Nawat.

"In public events, I say women look prettier when we speak out," Sheinbaum said. Nawat later apologised.

He initially declined to comment when asked about Bosch on Friday, telling reporters he would "rather not talk about her". "It's better to let pageant fans discuss it. I respect the result anyway," he said.

Nawat then congratulated her later in the same news conference. "I do support, and congratulations again to Mexico's fans," he said.

Mexican media and social networks were awash with coverage of Bosch after the incident, heightening anticipation. In Villahermosa, Bosch's hometown, thousands of people gathered at a baseball stadium to watch the pageant live.

"Mexico, Mexico!" chanted the crowd, which erupted in cheers and applause when she was crowned, while fireworks lit up the sky, according to Mexican media reports.

Other drama in the run-up to the final round included two judges quitting this week, one alleging that the contest was rigged by a "secret and illegitimate vote" held without the official jury. "This vote was conducted by individuals who are not recognised members of the official judging panel," French composer Omar Harfouch wrote in a statement posted on Instagram.

Putin backs US plan for peace with Ukraine

US threatens to cut intel and arms supply to Kyiv

MOSCOW, REUTERS

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that US proposals for peace in Ukraine could form the basis of a resolution to the conflict, but warned that if Kyiv rejected the plan, Russian forces would advance further.

US President Donald Trump said he was giving Ukraine until Thursday to accept a US peace plan that endorses key Russian demands on NATO, territory and the recognition of Russian-controlled regions.

"I believe that it can be used as the basis for a final peaceful settlement," Putin told senior officials at a meeting of the Russian Security Council, which functions as a modern-day politburo of Russia's most powerful figures.

Putin added that the 28-point plan had not yet been discussed in detail with the United States, but that Moscow had received a copy.

He said Ukraine opposed the proposal, but argued that neither Kyiv nor European powers understood the reality that Russian forces were advancing in Ukraine and would continue to do so unless peace was achieved.

Russia controls just over 19% of Ukraine, or 115,500 square kilometres, up by only one percentage point from two years ago. Moscow seeks full control of the Donbas – including Donetsk and Luhansk – as well as the whole of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Friday that Ukraine risked losing its dignity and freedom, or even Washington's support, over the US peace plan.

Putin said Russia had discussed Trump's peace initiative before their August summit in Alaska, and that Moscow had made compromises as requested by Washington. "The US administration has so far failed to secure the consent of the Ukrainian side. Ukraine is against it," Putin said. He added that Russian forces had taken almost full control of the north-eastern city of Kupiansk on 4 November – despite Kyiv's denials – and warned that such advances would continue if Ukraine refused the US plan.

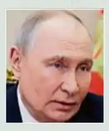
"If Kyiv does not want to discuss President Trump's proposal and refuses to do so, then both they and the European warmongers should understand that the events that took place in Kupiansk will inevitably be repeated in other key sectors of the front," Putin said.

"And in general, that works for us," he added, stating that he remained open to peace discussions.

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY
Ukraine president

"We value the efforts of the United States, President Trump, and his team aimed at ending this war. We are working on the document prepared by the American side.

VLADIMIR PUTIN
Russian president



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UNDER PRESSURE

- US has threatened to cut intelligence sharing and weapons supplies to pressure Ukraine into agreeing to the framework of a 28-point peace plan.
- Trump has said he set a deadline of November 27 for Ukraine to accept the plan.

Men mourn the death of their relatives outside a hospital morgue following an earthquake in Dhaka on Friday. REUTERS

5.7-magnitude quake kills 6 in B'desh

Tremors topple buildings and spark fires in Dhaka

DHAKA, PTI

At least six people were killed and several injured as a massive earthquake of magnitude 5.7 jolted Dhaka and parts of the country on Friday, damaging buildings, causing fires at several places and sending panic among residents.

Three people were killed in Dhaka, while the fourth died in the suburban river port town of Narayanganj, officials said, as local media reported injuries to at least 50 people across the country. The other two deaths were reported from Narsingdi.

The epicentre of the quake that struck at 10:38 am (local time) was at Narsigndi on the northeastern outskirts of Dhaka at a depth of 10 km, Bangladesh's meteorology department said. The place is around 13 kilometres east of the seismic centre in Dhaka's Agargaon area.

Dhaka's deputy police commissioner Mallik Ahsan Uddin Sami said, quoting the fire service, that at least three people were killed after a railing, bamboo scaffolding and debris of a five-storey building fell on them at Old Dhaka's Armanitola area.

A bystander was critically wounded at the scene in the crowded neighbourhood, he said. Sami confirmed that one of the deceased was a medical student who was there to buy meat along with his mother. She is critically wounded, requiring an emergency surgery, he added. Local media reports said one of the three dead was an eight-year-old who had not been identified.

The Prothom Alo newspaper said the tremor wounded over 50 people in three districts around Dhaka.

Experts have long said the risk of major quakes was high in Bangladesh because of its location on active tectonic plate boundaries, with many of them saying a major earthquake is inevitable, though it could be decades away.

COP30 drops mention of fossil fuels from draft deal

BELÉM, AFP

Negotiators were divided Friday on the last day of fire-delayed UN climate talks, as Europe rejected COP30 host Brazil's latest draft agreement which lacks a roadmap to phase out fossil fuels.

At stake is nothing less than proving that international cooperation can still function in a fractured world -- and delivering a text that nudges the planet back toward the critical 1.5C long-term warming target, despite the absence of President Donald Trump's United States.

But after two weeks of negotiations in the Amazonian city of Belem, the draft text unveiled by Brazil on Friday had no mention of "fossil fuels" or the word "roadmap" that President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva had himself suggested weeks ago. "This is in no way close to the ambition we need on mitigation. We are disappointed with the text currently on the table," European Union climate commissioner Wopke Hoekstra said in a statement.

European Commissioner for Climate Wopke Hoekstra attends the COP30 in Belem on Friday. REUTERS

France's ecological transition minister, Monique Barbut, decried in a text message to AFP "an incomprehensible omission at a time of climate emergency".

Around 30 countries had written to the Brazilian presidency on Thursday warning they could not accept a final deal at COP30 that did not include a plan for moving away from fossil fuels. The letter, drafted by Colombia, stated: "We cannot support an outcome that does not include a roadmap for implementing a just, orderly, and equitable transition away from fossil fuels." China, India, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Russia have rejected the fossil fuel roadmap, according to a negotiator who wished to remain anonymous.

Consensus is needed among the nearly 200 nations at the UN climate talks to land an agreement.

NGOs also rejected the drat deal, with Greenpeace urging nations to send it back to the Brazilian chair for revisions. "Hopes were raised by initial proposals for roadmaps both to end deforestation and fossil fuels," said Greenpeace climate politics expert Tracy Carty. "But these roadmaps have disappeared and we're again lost without a map to 1.5C and fumbling our way in the dark while time is running out."

FTA with India to help boost trade, investments: Israeli minister

TEL AVIV, PTI: A proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between Israel and India will open up significant business opportunities for industries in both countries and boost bilateral trade and investment flows, Israeli Economy and Industry Minister Nir Barkat said.

He said that the two countries have signed terms of references on November 20 here to start negotiations for the agreement.

Barkat said that both counties have decided not to include sensitive areas in the FTA negotiations.

"Huge opportunities are there to boost trade and investments between the two countries. We are going to see huge growth in business," Barkat told PTI.

He added that a lot of Israeli companies are interested in opening up subsidiaries in India, which can act as a gateway to Asia for them.

Iran oil trade: US sanctions Indian entities, individuals

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, PTI

The Trump administration has sanctioned entities and individuals from India involved in sales of Iran's petroleum and petroleum products, saying the funds from this trade support Tehran's regional terrorist proxies and procure weapons systems that are "a direct threat" to the US.

The Departments of State and Treasury sanctioned shipping networks responsible for funding the Iranian regime's "malign activities" through illicit oil sales, as well as an airline and its affiliates that arm and supply Iran-backed terrorist groups.

Among those added to the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals List are Indian nationals Zair Husain Iqbal Husain Sayed, Zulfikar Hussain Rizvi Sayed, Maharashtra-based RN Ship Management Private Limited and Pune-based TR6 Petro India LLP.

The US State Department is designating 17 entities, individuals, and vessels in several countries, including, but not limited to India, Panama, and the Seychelles, involved in Iran's petroleum and petroleum products sales, the administration said.

Concurrently, the United States Department of the Treasury is designating 41 entities, individuals, vessels, and aircraft, intensifying its efforts against Iran's petroleum and petrochemical exports and disrupting financial streams and commercial operatives that support Iran's malign activities. The funds generated by this oil trade are used to support Iran's regional terrorist proxies and procure weapons systems that pose a direct threat to US forces and American allies, the State Department said on Thursday.

The administration said TR6 Petro is an India-based petroleum products trader, which between October 2024 and June 2025, imported over $8 million worth of Iranian-origin bitumen from multiple companies.

Google, US govt battle over future of internet advertising

NEW YORK, AP/PTI: Google will confront the US government's latest attempt to topple its internet empire in federal court on Friday as a judge considers how to prevent the abusive tactics that culminated in parts of its digital ad network being branded as an illegal monopoly.

The courtroom showdown in Alexandria, Virginia, will pit lawyers from Google and the US Department of Justice against each other in closing proceedings focused on the complex technology that distributes millions of digital ads across the internet each day.

After a lengthy trial last year, US District Judge Leonie Brinkema ruled in April that pieces of Google's ad technology had been rigged in a way that made it an illegal monopoly.

Friday's closing arguments will give both Google and the Justice Department a final chance to sway Brinkema before she issues a ruling.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Activists protest in front of Brandenburg Gate to mark the International Day of Non-Violence Against Women calling for an end to the violence of patriarchy in Berlin, Germany, on Friday. REUTERS

Armed men abduct children and staff of Nigerian school

Armed men attacked a Catholic boarding school in a western region of Nigeria and abducted several schoolchildren and staff early Friday, the latest in a spate of abductions in Africa's most populous country that came just days after 25 schoolgirls were abducted in a neighbouring state, AP/PTI reports from Abuja.

The attack and abductions took place at St Mary's School, a Catholic institution in Agwara local government's Papiri community, said Abubakar Usman, the secretary to the Niger state government. He did not disclose the number of students and staff abducted, nor who might be responsible for the attack. Local media broadcaster Arise TV said 52 schoolchildren were abducted. The Niger State Police Command said the abductions took place in the early hours of Friday and that military and security forces have since been deployed to the community. It described St Mary's as a secondary school, which in Nigeria would serve children between the ages of 12 and 17.

France moves against Grok

France is taking action against artificial intelligence chatbot Grok, launched by a company owned by billionaire Elon Musk, after it generated French-language posts that questioned the use of gas chambers at Auschwitz and listed Jewish public figures,AP/PTI reports from Paris.

Grok, built by Musk's company xAI and integrated into his social media platform X, said in a widely shared post in French that gas chambers at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp were designed for "disinfection with Zyklon B against typhus" rather than for mass murder — language long associated with Holocaust denial. The Auschwitz Memorial highlighted the exchange on X and said that the response distorted historical facts and violated the platform's rules.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen speaks at the Global Citizen NOW event on scaling up renewables in Africa, in Sandton, South Africa, on Friday. AFP

S Africa, US spar over G20 baton

South Africa has decided not to hand over the annual G20 Presidency to a "junior" US official at the end of the leaders' summit, even as a White House official cautions Cyril Ramaphosa over "running his mouth" against the US and President Donald Trump, PTI reprts from Johannesburg.

South African President Ramaphosa adopted a reconciliatory approach on Thursday evening after the US requested accreditation for an eight-member team led by US chargé d'affaires, Marc Dillard, to receive the baton on Sunday. However, late on Thursday evening, Ramaphosa's spokesman, Vincent Magwenya, posted a message on social media, saying the president will not hand over the G20 Presidency to a junior official.

Pak factory boiler blast kills 15

At least 15 people were killed and several injured after the boiler of a factory exploded in Punjab province of Pakistan on Friday, PTI reports from Lahore.

The incident took place in the morning in Faisalabad district of Punjab, some 130 km from Lahore. Faisalabad Deputy Commissioner Raja Jahangir Anwar told reporters that owing to the powerful explosion of the boiler in a chemical factory in Malikpur area nearby structures, including a building caved in. "So far, the rescue teams have recovered 15 dead bodies from the rubble and seven injured have been shifted to hospital," Anwar said. "It is feared that more people are under the debris. The rescue teams are busy removing the rubble. The whole district machinery is taking part in the rescue work," the commissioner said.

Local residents watch as volcanic ash rises during an eruption of Mount Semeru volcano in Sumberwuluh, Indonesia, on Friday. REUTERS

Rupee clocks all-time low of 89.66 against US dollar

Huge demand for greenback in domestic forex market

MUMBAI, PTI

The rupee plunged 98 paise to close at its lifetime low of 89.66 against the US dollar on Friday, due to a huge demand for the greenback in the domestic forex market amid widespread selling pressure in local and global equities and trade-related uncertainties.

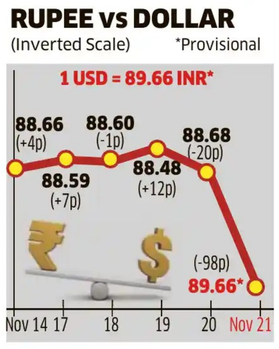
Concerns over a possible bubble building around artificial intelligence (AI) technology stocks also spooked investor sentiments, forex traders said.

Besides, renewed foreign fund outflows added to the gloom, they added.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened almost flat at 88.67, and before turning extremely volatile in the afternoon session. During the day trade, it moved between a high of 88.59 and a low of 89.66.

Steepest fall in 3 years

In the steepest fall in over three years, the domestic currency nosedived 98 paise to finally settle at 89.66 against the American currency. The previous biggest one-day fall was recorded at 99 paise against the dollar on February 24, 2022.



Source: PTI

On Thursday, the Indian rupee depreciated 20 paise to close at 88.68 against the US dollar.

"The Indian rupee witnessed a dramatic move on Friday, breaking its all-time high...in a sudden spike that caught the market completely off guard. Unlike earlier sessions, where news flow guided the price action, this move was largely demand-driven, triggered by an unexpected wave of dollar buying at a time when supply stayed quiet," CR Forex Advisors said in a note.

"What made the move even more striking was that all other major indicators remained broadly stable -- the dollar index, crude oil prices, EM currencies, and even gold hardly moved. This calm backdrop further reinforced that Friday's jump in USD/INR was not driven by global cues, but purely by domestic dollar demand overwhelming available supply."

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was 0.09 per cent up at 100.17.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 2.18 per cent lower at USD 62.00 per barrel in futures trade.

On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex declined 400.76 points, or 0.47 per cent, to settle at 85,231.92, while the Nifty tanked 124.00 points, or 0.47 per cent, to 26,068.15.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 1,766.05 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

The global risk-off sentiment has spilt into currency markets after a sharp overnight sell-off in cryptocurrencies and AI-linked technology stocks, Anindya Banerjee, Head of Research Currency, Commodity and Interest Rate Derivatives, Kotak Securities, said.

Sebi board may review MFs, broker rules at Dec 17 meet

May remove addl 5 bps that AMCs could earlier levy

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) plans to undertake a comprehensive review of its mutual fund and stock broker regulations at its board meeting on December 17, as the regulator seeks to make these frameworks more relevant and efficient, a senior official said on Friday.

Sebi has already released consultation papers on both sets of regulations. In October, it issued a consultation paper proposing an overhaul of MF rules, including a clearer definition of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and revised limits on brokerage charges. These recommendations are aimed at enhancing transparency, rationalising information, reducing redundancies, and easing compliance, the official noted.

As part of the proposed framework, Sebi plans to remove the additional 5 bps that asset management companies (AMCs) were previously allowed to levy across MF schemes. This additional expense, introduced to offset the impact of crediting exit loads back to schemes, was first set at 20 bps in 2012 and later reduced to 5 bps in 2018. The additional expense of 5 bps that MF schemes were allowed to charge was transitory in nature.

To further improve clarity, Sebi also suggested excluding all statutory levies such as STT, GST, CTT and stamp duty from TER limits, along with currently permissible expenses for brokerage, exchange, and regulatory fees.

At present, GST on management fees is allowed over and above the TER limit, while other statutory charges fall within the prescribed cap for MF schemes.

Sebi recently extended the deadline for public comments on the proposal to November 24, from November 17 earlier.

In addition, it will also take up the proposal to review the 1992 stock broker regulations. As part of this revamp, Sebi proposed introducing a definition for 'algorithmic trading' to streamline compliance requirements, as the current framework lacks clarity. "Regulations for stock brokers were framed 30 years ago and Sebi is looking to update them," the official said.

The meeting will also consider the report of a high-level panel that examined conflict-of-interest safeguards within the organisation.

Plans to engage with stakeholders on including REITs in indices

Tuhin Kanta Pandey

NEW DELHI, PTI : Markets regulator Sebi will engage with industry stakeholders to include REITs (real estate investment trusts) in market indices, a move expected to boost liquidity for these instruments significantly, Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Friday.

Speaking at the National Conclave on REITs and InvITs-2025, Pandey noted, "Sebi will work with all stakeholders to facilitate the inclusion of REITs in indices."

REITs are companies that own and operate real estate. They offer investors an opportunity to own high-priced real estate and earn dividend income to boost their capital over time. He added that once included, these instruments would naturally improve liquidity.

The Sebi chief highlighted that the regulator is also evaluating additional measures to ease doing business for REITs and InvITs (infrastructure investment trusts).

As part of these efforts, Sebi is examining a proposal to broaden the pool of liquid mutual fund schemes in which REITs and InvITs can invest, while ensuring investor protection.

Pandey further said the regulator is exploring whether private InvITs may be allowed to invest in greenfield projects, provided adequate safeguards are in place.

Meesho eyes $6 b valuation; to launch IPO in December

BLOOMBERG

E-commerce platform Meesho Ltd., which plans to launch its initial public offering in the first half of December, is seeking a valuation of about Rs 53,000 crore ($6 billion), according to people familiar with the matter.

The SoftBank Group Corp.-backed firm is in talks with SBI Funds Management Ltd. for a pre-IPO placement, the people said, asking not to be identified as the information is private. The potential placement could alter the IPO size, estimated at about Rs 6,000 crore, they said.

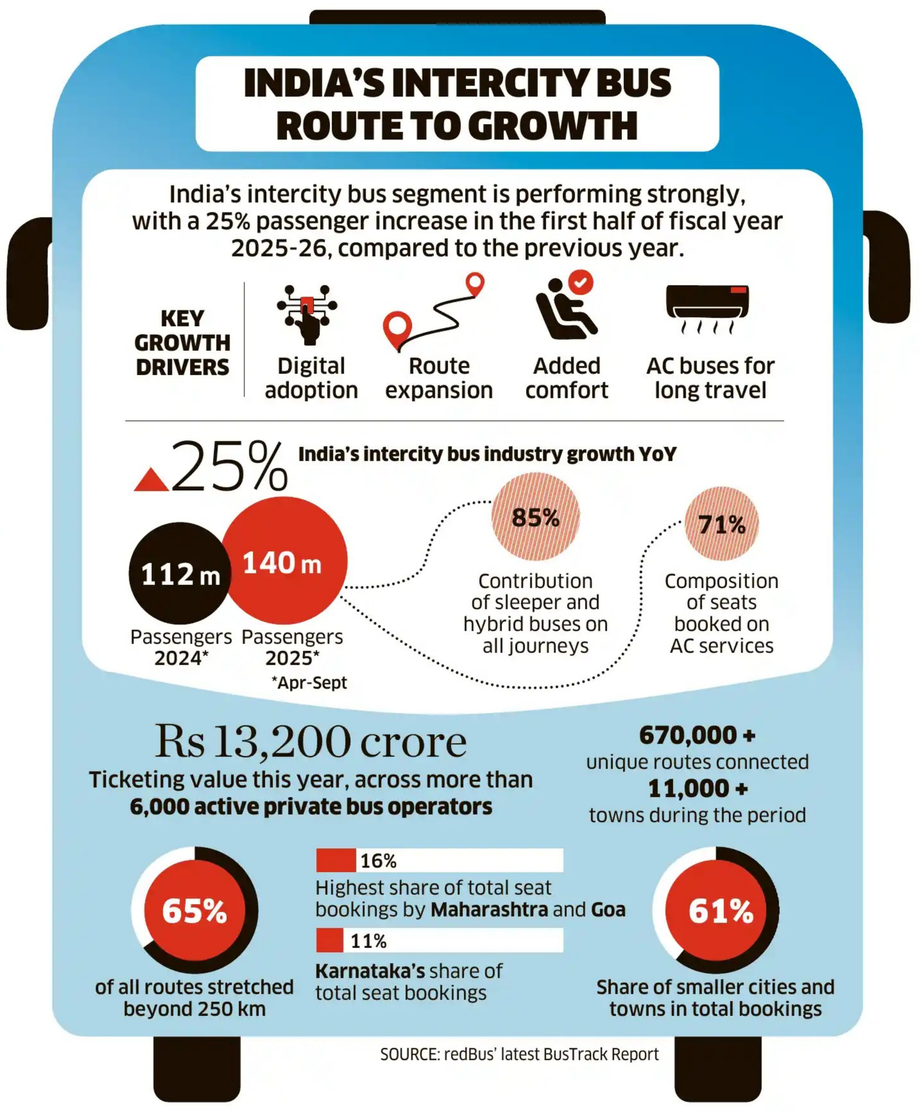
The offering will comprise a fresh issue of shares worth Rs 4,250 crore and an offer for sale of 175.7 million shares by existing investors, according to Bengaluru-based Meesho's draft prospectus.

Meesho, an online marketplace that is popular in smaller Indian cities, joins a growing list of companies tapping into India's booming IPO market. Firms have already raised nearly $19.5 billion this year, following a record $21 billion in 2024, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Deliberations are ongoing, and details including timing and deal size could still change, the people said. Representatives for Meesho and SBI Funds didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Meesho generated Rs 1,032 crore in free cash flow in the year ended March 2025, the highest among listed e-commerce firms in India, the company said in a statement this week.

Kotak Mahindra Capital Co., Axis Bank Ltd., and the local units of JPMorgan Chase & Co., Morgan Stanley and Citigroup Inc. are advising on the IPO, according to the prospectus.


INDIA'S INTERCITY BUS ROUTE TO GROWTH
India's intercity bus segment is performing strongly, with a 25% passenger increase in the first half of fiscal year 2025-26, compared to the previous year.
KEY GROWTH DRIVERS
Digital adoption
Route expansion
Added comfort
AC buses for long travel
25% India's intercity bus industry growth YoY
112 m Passengers 2024*
140 m Passengers 2025*
*Apr-Sept
85% Contribution of sleeper and hybrid buses on all journeys
71% Composition of seats booked on AC services
Rs 13,200 crore
Ticketing value this year, across more than 6,000 active private bus operators
670,000 + unique routes connected
11,000 + towns during the period
65% of all routes stretched beyond 250 km
16% Highest share of total seat bookings by Maharashtra and Goa
11% Karnataka's share of total seat bookings
61% Share of smaller cities and towns in total bookings
SOURCE: redBus' latest BusTrack Report

"This 25% y-o-y growth has come on the back of existing bus operators adding inventory, new operators starting businesses on traditional routes and digitisation of inventory in long tail and new routes. We also see a clear shift in the preference towards AC buses,"

Prakash Sangam, redBus CEO

IndiGo to invest $820 m in subsidiary to acquire aircraft

MUMBAI, PTI: India's leading airline IndiGo on Friday said it has approved an investment of $820 million (about Rs 7,270 crore) in its wholly-owned subsidiary InterGlobe Aviation Financial Services IFSC Private Limited for aircraft acquisition.

The investment will be made through a combination of equity shares and 0.01% non-cumulative optionally convertible redeemable preference shares (OCRPS), in one or more tranches, the airline said in a statement.

The funds raised by the subsidiary firm will be primarily deployed towards acquisition of aviation assets, thereby enabling ownership of aircraft, the airline said.

IndiGo has 411 aircraft in its fleet as on November 21, according to aircraft fleet tracking website planespotter.net, with 365 in operations and the remaining 46 on ground.

Adani sells remaining 7% stake in AWL

NEW DELLHI, PTI: Adani Group has sold its remaining 7% stake in Adani Wilmar Ltd (AWL) in a block deal that attracted strong institutional demand.

Domestic mutual fund houses, including Vanguard, Charles Schwab, ICICI Prudential MF, SBI Mutual Fund, Tata MF, Quant MF, and Bandhan MF, bought the stake, according to sources.

Several international investors from Singapore, the UAE, and other Asian markets also bought into the clean-out block.

Market sources add that Wilmar's long-term institutional partners such as GIC are expected to increase their exposure to AWL as the promoter structure stabilises.

Earlier this week, the Adani Group had sold 13% stake in AWL to bring its exposure down to 7%.

AWL Agri Business Ltd has completed a major shareholder reshaping after Adani Enterprises fully exited its 44% stake, including the final 7% clean-out block placed on November 20 at Rs 275/share. The total realisation for Adani Enterprises stands at Rs 15,707 crore.

With the full exit now complete, Singapore-based Wilmar International becomes the sole promoter, with an estimated 57% holding, giving AWL a clear multinational ownership profile.

AWL, which markets the "Fortune" brand—India's largest edible oil franchise — also operates an integrated food staples business across wheat flour, rice, pulses, and ready-to-cook products.

Analysts say the company's business fundamentals remain strong, supported by Wilmar's global sourcing network and AWL's deep domestic distribution.

Despite this, the stock trades near its lowest levels since its 2022 IPO, following a prolonged phase of stake-sale related uncertainty and commodity-driven volatility.

With the Adani overhang now fully removed and ownership concentrated with a single multinational promoter, analysts see potential for a technical rebound and valuation re-rating.

Sensex falls 400 points on waning Fed rate cut hopes

MUMBAI, PTI: Snapping the two-day rally, benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower on Friday, mainly due to weak global trends and fading hopes of a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve in December.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 400.76 points or 0.47% to settle at 85,231.92. During the day, it tanked 444.84 points or 0.51% to 85,187.84. The 50-share NSE Nifty dropped 124 points or 0.47% to 26,068.15. The index had rallied over 1% or 282 points to trade above 26,000 in the previous two sessions.

Among Sensex firms, Tata Steel, HCL Tech, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Bharat Electronics and Eternal were the major laggards. However, Maruti, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and ITC were among the gainers.

Analysts said better-than-expected US non-farm payroll data dampened expectations of a December rate cut by the Fed.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi tanked 3.79%, Shanghai's SSE Composite Index lost 2.45%, Japan's Nikkei 225 index dropped 2.40%, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell by 2.38%. European markets were trading in the red. US markets ended in negative territory on Thursday. The Nasdaq Composite tanked 2.15%, S&P 500 declined 1.56%, and Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.84%.

IN BRIEF

Axis Bank to raise Rs 5k cr via NCDs

NEW DELHI, PTI: Private sector lender Axis Bank on Friday said it plans to raise Rs 5,000 crore through Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) to fund business growth.

This is part of the bank's board-approved Rs 35,000 crore fundraising plan via the issue of debt securities on a private placement basis.

The bank proposes to raise funds by issuing fully paid, senior, rated, listed, unsecured, taxable, redeemable, long-term NCDs up to Rs 5,000 crore on a private placement basis, Axis Bank said in a regulatory filing.

Tata Chem to expand capacity

MUMBAI, PTI: Tata Chemicals on Friday said its board has approved an investment of Rs 910 crore for expansions of manufacturing capacities of its plants in Mithapur in Gujarat and Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu.

The board of directors have, in a meeting on Friday, approved an investment of Rs 135 crore towards the expansion of dense soda ash manufacturing capacity at its plant in Mithapur, Tata Chemicals said in a regulatory filing.

Further, the company stated that the board also approved an investment of Rs 775 crore to expand precipitated silica manufacturing capacity at its plant in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu.

Toyota recalls 11.5k Urban Cruiser Hyryder units over dashboard part

NEW DELHI, PTI: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) is recalling 11,529 units of its mid-sized SUV Urban Cruiser Hyryder to inspect and replace a dashboard component.

The voluntary recall campaign is to inspect and replace the Combination Meter, if found faulty, in 11,529 units manufactured between December 9, 2024, and April 29, 2025.

In line with its customer first philosophy and unwavering commitment to the highest quality standards, the automaker will continue to promptly address customer concerns and aim to deliver peace of mind by resolving issues quickly and conveniently, TKM said in a post on its Website.

Toyota dealer representatives will contact affected customers, it added.

In October, the company recalled Camry, Vellfire and Land Cruiser to reprogramme the Parking Assist ECU software.

Maruti Suzuki buys 8% stake in Ravity

NEW DELHI, PTI: Maruti Suzuki India on Friday said it has acquired around 8% stake in tech startup Ravity Software Solutions, which specialises in providing connected mobility insights.

The company has invested around Rs 2 crore in the startup for 7.84% stake through Maruti Suzuki Innovation Fund. The auto major invests in startups through the Maruti Suzuki Innovation Fund, an initiative to undertake strategic investments in startups that exhibit high levels of innovation.

"Our investment in Ravity Software Solutions Private Limited will enable us to elevate customer experience through data-driven insights," Maruti Suzuki India Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Hisashi Takeuchi said.

Flipkart's BBD sales lift Walmart's Q3

NEW DELHI, PTI: American retail giant Walmart has said the timing of the "Big Billion Day" sales event of its Indian e-commerce arm Flipkart has "benefited sales growth" of its international business in the third quarter of FY26.

Walmart International revenues were "positively affected by timing of Flipkart's BBD event", the US-based retail giant said in an earnings statement on Thursday.

Moreover, Walmart Inc., which reported a global revenue of $179.5 billion in Q3, said its "gross margin rate was up 2 bps, led by Walmart US", however, it was "partially offset by International due to the timing of Flipkart's BBD

NEW BOOST

We're seeing strong momentum in AI adoption, says Sonata CFO

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Bengaluru-based mid-tier IT company Sonata Software sees strong momentum in AI adoption and Agentic AI implementations. In the second quarter ended September 2025, the company reported a net profit of Rs 120 crore and its revenue from operations stood at Rs 2,119.3 crore, a decline of 28.5% sequentially.

Sonata Software Chief Financial Officer Jagannathan CN told *DH* that higher utilisation, planned large deal offshoring, and AI adoption, as well as Agentic AI implementations across all functions, are helping them boost their operating margin.

He said the macro environment remains uncertain, and that they are seeing strong momentum in AI adoption, creating substantial opportunities at the intersection of AI, modernisation engineering, cloud, and data.

"BFSI and Healthcare life sciences (HLS) are seeing significant opportunities and growth. These two verticals currently contribute 33% of our total revenue, a sharp rise from 13% just three years ago.

Jagannathan CN

Large-deal pursuits remain a cornerstone of our growth strategy, with approximately 40% of our pipeline comprising large, strategic opportunities," Jagannathan said.

The company has won one large deal during Q2 FY26. Its North America business has scaled significantly and now represents over 70% of total revenue, up from approximately 54% three years ago. "This shift reflects our continued success in deepening client relationships and expanding share in this key market," he said.

The modernisation engineering company is also actively pursuing AI opportunities across 100 clients. "We are helping them unlock value through operational efficiency gains, time to market through enhanced customer experience and modernised sales, and transformation of business models through AI innovation," the CFO said.

When asked about the hiring target, he said there is no target for hiring in FY26. "Despite a challenging macroeconomic environment, we remain committed to future-focused talent investments that strengthen our ability to deliver on growth ambitions," he added.

During Q2 earnings, Sonata Software MD & CEO Samir Dhir said international IT services reported steady progress during the quarter. "Our continued strategic investments in AI are delivering results, with AI-led orders accounting for approximately 10% of the overall order book for the quarter," he added.

Among the textile magicians of BHUJ

DH journalist Rashmi Rajagopal visited the Gujarat region and spent time with master weavers specialising in the state's most popular exports

Between the 1920s and the 1930s, archaeologists dug up hundreds of printed textile fragments in Fustat (old Cairo), Egypt. A thorough analysis of the patterns, dyes (indigo and madder), printing techniques and fabric revealed that they were in fact handwoven and hand-printed in Ajrakhpur, Gujarat and dated back to the 13th and 14th centuries. While there was enough evidence suggesting robust trade between India and the Middle East, the discovery confirmed that there was a high amount of trade of high quality cotton textiles between Fustat, a major port, and the port of Bharuch in Gujarat.

I heard of the 'Fustat prints' only in 2019, when I travelled to Delhi to cover a fashion presentation by a popular sustainable label. The collection was inspired by two of the 14th-century fragments and the designers helming the brand had incorporated the historical prints into capes, structured jackets, saris and trousers.

Fashion journalism is often trivialised, and within journalistic circles too. Here was evidence of an important chapter of world history with India at its epicentre that was tightly tied to the 'frivolous' pursuit of fashion. For me, it was evidence that there are a lot more important stories waiting to be told. I had since wanted to explore the various crafts of Gujarat. The state is rich in craft traditions spanning textiles, artwork, jewellery, pottery and more. But I was keen on also bringing the voices of the craftspersons to the fore.

Kutch bound

In late September this year, a visit to a textile exhibition in Bengaluru earned me an invite to a trip to Bhuj in Gujarat. The purpose of the trip was to visit and interact with a selection of weavers specialising in a range of weaving techniques indigenous to the region. It was organised by Aadyam Handwoven, and I saw it as an opportunity to pursue that interest I had unwittingly placed on the backburner six years ago.

Bhuj is home to the Vankars or weavers of Kutch, said to be the descendants of the Meghwal Maru community of Rajasthan. For centuries, the community has been keeping alive the extra weft technique of hand-weaving. The weaver adds extra loops above or below the warp, during the weaving process. The intricate designs created using this technique have the effect of embroidery.

The white Innova I stepped out of cut an incongruous figure on the dirt road that led to the home of fourth-generation weaver Babu Bhai Padhiyar and his family in Kanderai village, about 23 kilometres east of central Bhuj.

It was late afternoon and they ushered me into a room and passed around tumblers of piping hot tea as I took a seat on the floor. The walls of the room were lined with shelves stacked with handwoven rugs and yardage. The father-son duo showed us a range of the products they had woven by hand. Some thick, vibrant, multi-hued and traditional, others more muted, light and suited to contemporary palates — likely commissioned by luxury brands.

"Weaving is in my blood. My entire family, for generations, has honed this craft. I am a fourth-generation weaver, and I began weaving around 1994-1995. My children are now carrying forward this tradition," Padhiyar said.

Giridhar Bhai weaves a tangaliya stole on his loom in Adhoi village.

Babu Bhai Padhiyar works on a black and white dhurrie.

Doriya Ramji weaves a mashru fabric at his home in Mandi village.

In an adjacent building that housed the looms, Padhiyar and his son took turns demonstrating how they make carpets and rugs on pit looms. In that muggy heat, a pit loom offers much-needed relief to weavers labouring for hours over their work. It is cooler in the pit, the seat of the weaver. On the day of my visit, Padhiyar was working on a dhurrie — an elegant black and white piece still in its early stages.

The family specialises in the dhabla technique — a cotton by cotton weave where the warp is visible and the weft is hidden. While one of the advantages of the pit loom is that it is less hot and thus easier to work on, it also gives the weaver room to apply more force into the weaving as it absorbs vibrations, which makes for a textile that is dense and has a clean finish.

"When I was younger, things were very different. Our weaving shed was a hut with no structure or support, so there were no walls. During the rains all work had to stop. Now, we have a proper dedicated shed that allows us to work year-round," recalled the senior Padhiyar.

His grandfather would travel to neighbouring villages to sell their products, "but the money earned was very little and would run out". The family often turned back to farming to support themselves during lean periods.

"Between 2013 and 2014, we actively started taking part in exhibitions around India. This helped us meet different people who soon became our customers and gave us some work, but it was usually a small order of one or two items and beyond that there was not much change," he shared. Padhiyar has had a steady source of income since 2017.

Contending with the unpredictable monsoon was a challenge during his childhood, but now, one of the biggest problems facing him is that of machine-made products being labelled and sold as handloom. "Most customers do not know the difference and they end up buying into this marketing hoax, which affects the entire industry and the livelihood of weavers," he explained. To keep this in check, the government should provide one common platform for handloom-only products that go through a proper process of attestation and certification to guarantee that they are handmade, he added.

Padhiyar recalled that after the 2001 Gujarat earthquake, there was a significant decline in handloom. With no way out of their financial burdens and having to rebuild their lives, many weavers left their craft to make quick money.

"Things slowly began to change in 2013 when 15 to 16 looms started working again. In 2025, there has been a significant rise in the number of weavers, which has helped stabilise the craft and the livelihood of many more families in Bhuj," he said, adding, "I would urge Indians to have more love and respect for Indian crafts and to adopt these into their lives. The support motivates us to work harder and be more creative."

He believes removing GST on raw materials and offering subsidies on them will make a significant difference to the weavers. Training programmes on marketing and workshops on how they can present and sell their work are a few other needs he hopes the government will fulfil. "While we actively participate in exhibitions around India, we often face language barriers that make it difficult to share the details of our craft and this sometimes leads to losing out on customers," he shared.

Dotted patterns

Later that day, Giridhar Bhai from Adhoi village took me through the 700-year-old tangaliya technique of weaving. It is a technique practised by the Dangasia community of Gujarat and earned a GI tag in 2008. Since then, a craft that was on the brink of extinction has seen a major revival. Government support has made a difference. So has innovation and awareness of its value. Traditionally made with coarse wool, today it is also woven with cotton and silk.

A grey stole was taking shape on a frame loom when I entered the facility. Giridhar was adding small dots to the plain weave by simply twisting and snapping the contrasting threads with his sharp nails. The raised dots formed geometric patterns.

As I watched how he worked, one of the women of the house fired up the stove in the courtyard to serve the guests some bajra rotis and tea.

Apart from stoles, the family also weaves saris, dupattas, shawls, bed covers, runners and dhurries.

It was the first day of Navaratri and as I drove back to the hotel, I could see that the festivities were just beginning. I caught strains of garba music from a nearby playground as the car approached the hotel.

The entire family is involved in the pre-loom process in the home of Meghji Harji.

Cotton and silk

On my second day in Kutch, I had a long journey ahead of me. I was scheduled to meet a mashru weaver, Doriya Ramji, at his home in Mandvi village, which was about two hours away from the hotel. The village is synonymous with mashru weaving.

Mashru is one of the most sought after weaves from Gujarat. It is a blend of silk, viscose and cotton. The lustrous fabric has a smooth satin finish.

Third-generation weaver, Ramji, has been weaving mashru for 35 years. "I have been practising my craft since I was 15 years old. The skills, the craft and all its nuances were taught to me by my father and I have loved it ever since. Weaving allows me to stay close to my loved ones — my mother, my wife and our three kids. My 18-year-old son is currently in college and in his spare time I pass along the knowledge my father once imparted to me. Because of weaving I do not have to leave home in search of work," Ramji said as I watched him work the loom.

Since he started working, there have been many changes in the weaving process and in the marketplace. "In my grandfather's time everything had to be done by hand. There was no shuttle to simplify and shorten the weaving process," he shared. Like Padhiyar's grandfather, he too would travel great distances to sell his products for a paltry sum and the family had to support themselves through farming. "Today, from the comfort of my home, I have access to customers who are aware of the craft and regularly place orders with me, which gives me a steady income. This allows me to focus on weaving. In a day, I can weave five to six metres of mashru fabric," he explained.

He noted that earlier, mashru was done on cotton by cotton, which created a dull fabric. But the addition of viscose in the warp and mercerised cotton in the weft has given the weave a sheen that has contributed to its popularity. But a common challenge facing handloom weavers is the effect of the rains on the wooden looms. "During the rains the moisture and dampness make the wooden parts of the loom expand. This causes the loom to get stuck or jammed and slows down productivity," he explained.

Ramji wants customers to buy directly from the weavers. "We can educate them about the craft, help them understand the value of the fabric and recognise the difference between handloom and machine-made products," he said.

Though the government has started many programmes to support the handloom industry, "most of them have failed to help the craftspersons at the ground-level". "These initiatives should also be designed on a smaller scale so that more craftspersons can benefit and showcase their artistic skills. One important step the government can take is to provide weavers with a loom shed at home so that we can work throughout the year," he added.

A Gujarati thali

We stopped for lunch in the home of another weaver, Meghji Harji, who also specialises in the extra weft weaving technique. Meghji is a 1995 National Award winner and the 2022 Sant Kabir awardee.

His family served me an elaborate spread on a brass platter. Jowar and corn rotis, white butter, a brinjal dish, bowls of dal and numerous other vegetarian curries and desserts made for an authentic Gujarati feast.

Meghji's loom, facilitated by Aadyam, is located a short distance from the main property. The looms are operated by the sixth-generation weaver and his son, Arun.

The entire family came together for the pre-loom processes. The warping is done by the women and during the sizing stage, about four-five members hold the warp threads several metres apart and another member brushes the threads with starch solution, to strengthen the yarn. The process is called 'kanji' or 'pean' (pronounced 'pane').

In Meghji's neighbourhood, there were also traditional bhungas (circular mudhouses with thatched roofs). The walls were decorated with lippan art (mud and mirror work). An added bonus was watching women from the community embroidering fabric in their sunlit courtyards.

Karan Sanjot, a fifth-generation artisan from the Meghwal community, explained that Kutchi embroidery like pakko, kachho, kharek and suf are a visual language in the region. Earlier, a woman's clothes would indicate whether she was married or single and her trousseau was created by the women in her family and her community.

With that it was time to drive back to my hotel. Over two days, I barely scratched the surface of the crafts of Gujarat. But it was eye-opening talking to the weavers and artisans who are keeping centuries-old traditions alive with nothing but passion and hard work.

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MUSICANA

Sarod Mystics and the art of democratic sounds

The trio blends Hindustani classical melodies with ambient Western rhythms, writes Barkha Kumari

Some instrumental music is meant to set the tone as it plays softly in the background; but some warrants attention. The work of Sarod Mystics falls firmly in the latter category. The band creates ambient Indo-Western fusion music around the melodies of Drupad Mistry's sarod. His brother Neeraj adds percussive depth with tabla and handpan, while Anhad Imaan uses his electric guitar to provide bass and grooves, creating an atmospheric feel.

Drupad describes their compositions as "democratic sounds". Open and inviting, the pieces weave together percussion, strings, and occasional vocals organically, layer by layer. If you listen keenly, he says, "you can hear the journey of how the sound evolved".

The band's origin was open-ended too. Three longtime musicians decided to jam together and see where it would lead. The project took shape in July 2024, and in a short time, they have already made three studio albums.

Each member has a "fun" backstory about how they picked up their instruments. Drupad and Neeraj hail from a musical family in Udaipur. Their father, Bhargav Mistry, is a renowned sarod player. Drupad's first exposure came "in the womb", thanks to his father practising at home. He later took lessons from sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan in Delhi "on and off". Neeraj, eight years younger, showed a knack for

The band members are based in Udaipur and Bengaluru.

rhythm from age three. He would clap his hands to advertisement jingles. He studied tabla, absorbed Rajasthan's Manganiyar folk traditions, and discovered the handpan via a viral YouTube video. To him, the handpan merges the worlds of percussion and melody. Today, he also utilises bhapang, khadtal, and ghungroos, to introduce fresh tonal textures.

Imaan bought a guitar out of jealousy, after seeing a schoolmate play one. The right-handed instrument was unsuitable, as Imaan was left-handed. In '90s India, left-handed instruments were rare, but his father managed to source another one from Kolkata. Around 13, meeting and jamming with guitarist Susmit Sen, formerly cofounder of fusion rock band Indian Ocean, changed his life. Sen told him playing the guitar is not about copying others, it is about expressing yourself.

The band's storytelling draws inspiration from journeys, not just physical, but also emotional and cultural. Their three albums have been a "journey" themselves. The first, 'The Mystical Yugo Project', was purist in approach, with each musician showcasing their skills to produce a soothing sound. The second, 'October Diaries', was experimental and full of surprises, with "instruments conversing with each other". Their third album, 'Mosaic', set to launch in Bengaluru today, is an "elegant and sophisticated jam", blending ideas and emotions from each artiste.

Imaan says 'Mosaic' is their most ambitious project yet, thanks to painstaking attention to detail. He points to the track 'Cruise Mode': "We spent almost a week finalising how a clap should sound, just to add contrast."

A GRATEFUL weekend

Tini Sara Anien writes about a girl who discovers gratitude when a Thanksgiving celebration unexpectedly unfolds at home

Angela's brief time in the US introduced her to a different culture and its people. While there were plenty of special days to appreciate loved ones, a day dedicated simply to being thankful for anything and everything was new to her. And celebrating it with such delicious food was a treat she never forgot.

November was her favourite month. Why so, you ask? Because it was her birthday month. It was during her time in New York that she indulged in pies made using pumpkin and apple, mashed potatoes, cranberry jelly, and stuffed turkey. The bird was most sought after during Thanksgiving Day.

Since the festive holiday fell on a Thursday, many clubbed the Friday and took a long weekend to socialise or rest — like David, her father. Once they were back in India, however, the day just meant a lean workday for David and a normal school day for Angela. "Well, at least you can be thankful for that!" she teased him. David smiled.

This year, Angela's mid-term examinations ended on the last Wednesday of November, and her classes on Thursday would end by 12 pm. School was closed for the primary students on Friday and Saturday for some final touch-ups for the opening of their new building on Monday. "This means I get a long weekend this time!" she squealed with joy.

But unlike every year, her father, who worked with a US-based company, had been asked to fill in for some seniors in a few meetings for a year-end project. Angela felt frustrated. "Such a boring way to spend my long weekend," she whined to her father. David said, "All's well that ends well," after which he shooed her away from his office room as he had an online meeting to attend.

She lazily switched on the TV, and the remote almost slipped out of her hand. The blaring music from her favourite children's channel clearly disturbed David, and he loudly shushed her. "Bah humbug! This is the worst weekend ever," Angela cried out loud. Sighing and sobbing dramatically, she fell asleep on the couch, still hugging the remote.

After what must have been around three to four hours, their doorbell woke her up. "What now? It's bad enough that I don't have anyone to play with. Can't I even sleep now?" the eight-year-old called out loud.

David, still on his call, signalled to her to open the door. Angela noticed a sly smile on his face, but she told herself she was imagining it.

She opened the door and froze. At the door stood her favourite cousin George, who hadn't visited them for almost two years, along with his parents. "Happy Thanksgiving and long weekend, Angela!" they shouted.

Just as they settled down, the doorbell rang again. In came her next favourite cousins, Ezra and Thaddeus. "And your favourite uncle and aunt will come tomorrow," they said together.

Angela laughed. "This is the best surprise ever!"

The house suddenly came alive. George challenged Ezra to a pillow fight, and within seconds, the living room looked like it had snowed. Thaddeus tried balancing three cushions on his head like a circus act, but all three toppled over and knocked over a water bottle instead. Nobody tried to stop the chaos — Angela was too happy to mind.

She soon paused. David was a good cook, but cooking for so many people after a working day wouldn't be easy. She walked into her father's office, where he was stretching after the meeting. "Dad, you're going to struggle with cooking so much. Please tell me how I can help," she said.

"Don't worry, my dear. I have requested your Aunt Sara to come and help dish out some of your favourites like the pumpkin pie, turkey..." He didn't complete the sentence.

Angela was smiling wide. "You mean we will have a Thanksgiving spread tomorrow?" she asked.

"Yes, my love! Since we couldn't celebrate your birthday this year, I thought we could celebrate your special day and Thanksgiving on the same day," David explained.

Angela hugged him and dashed back to the living room.

The next morning brought even more laughter. When Aunt Sara arrived, she marched in with bags full of ingredients and a random bag of onions she didn't remember picking up. "I think the vegetable man tricked me again," she muttered.

Thaddeus mistook the frozen turkey for a giant toy and tried rolling it across the kitchen like a bowling ball. Aunt Sara gasped and shook her head.

Meanwhile, Angela was thinking about how she didn't want to go to school on Thursday. However, she was excited that her classes would end early.

As she walked in by noon, the house smelled delicious. Pumpkin pie baked in the oven, the turkey was marinating, cranberry jelly chilled in the fridge, and mashed potatoes waited in a giant bowl that Ezra kept taste-testing "for safety".

"It is definitely the season of thanks and gratitude," Angela said out loud. "I am so thankful to the universe for making things fall in place and for making my long weekend the best one on this planet. I really need to believe that all's well that ends well!"

Everyone clapped, laughed, and cheered.

4 ANIMATION MOVIES ABOUT ROBOTS

These stories highlight courage, simple joys, and empathy

The Iron Giant

Director: Brad Bird

The film is set in a cosy 1950s American town. The story is about an unlikely friendship between Hogarth, a lonely boy and Giant, a towering robot from the sky. The film has won multiple Annie Awards and even a BAFTA Children's Award. Its biggest takeaway is the message that you are who you choose to be. Despite having immense power, the Giant chose kindness, teaching children that being strong is easy but being gentle takes courage.

Wall-E

Director: Andrew Stanton

Wall-E, Pixar's little trash-compacting robot, spends his days cleaning up an abandoned Earth until one tiny green plant changes everything. His adventure with Eve includes humour, innocence, and a surprising amount of emotion for two robots who barely speak. With an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature, the film nudges children towards ideas like caring for the planet, valuing simple joys, and remembering that love and responsibility can bring even the most lost humans home.

Big Hero 6

Directors: Don Hall and Chris Williams

'Big Hero 6' features Baymax, the softest, kindest healthcare robot ever designed. Young Hiro loses his brother, and Baymax becomes not just a companion but also a gentle guide through his grief and healing. Together with Hiro's quirky friends, a superhero team is formed that uses brains over brawn. The film won an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. The film's takeaway: technology can be a force for empathy, and that support, even in the form of a robot, can help mend the deepest hurt.

Yak: The Giant King

Directors: Prapas Cholsaranont and Chaiporn Panichrutiwong

This Thai animated gem reimagines the epic tale of the 'Ramayana' in a land of robots. 'Yak: The Giant King' follows the unlikely duo of Na Kiew, a huge, misunderstood robot, and Jao Phuek, a tiny tin robot who's lost his memory. Their journey through scrapyards and robot wastelands is adventurous. The film earned several awards in its home country for design and storytelling. Its lesson to young viewers is that friendship can form between the unlikeliest of companions, and even when you've forgotten who you are, kindness can help you find your way back.

The world in 2050 will be...

Open Sesame readers share their artistic visions of the future

On November 8, *Open Sesame* asked its young readers to send in their artworks. Soon, we were flooded with entries from across the country. Many paintings were good, but we can only publish a few because of space constraints. Don't let that discourage you. Get creative and keep writing and painting, and stand a chance to be featured in an upcoming edition! Send your entries to: *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in*

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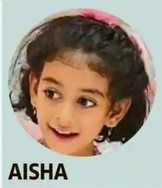

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Distinctive date

Open Sesame Quiz

Take the fun Open Sesame quiz, and stand a chance to win gift vouchers worth Rs 500. Open to children below 16 years.

Q1 On November 22, 1963, President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, in the US state of Texas. Two days later, who killed the man who was arrested for that crime?

Q2 On November 22, 1497, Vasco da Gama rounded the Cape of Good Hope, eventually reaching India. Who had circled that headland much earlier, and named it something else?

Q3 On November 22, 1986, Mike Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion in history. Whom did he defeat, in a boxing match called Judgment Day, to claim that title?

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Q4 **Rhyme Time:** Two clues to which the answers rhyme with each other.
Clue A: Born on November 22, 1819, George Eliot created the character, Maggie __.
Clue B: Fictional figure in 'Lilliput'.

Q5 **Clue Cluster:** Which first entirely computer-animated film was released on November 22, 1995?
Use these clues.
a) Andy
b) Slinky
c) Woody
d) Buzz

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: Matt (15), Bengaluru; D Eli (15), Hubbali; Mohamed Afraaz (13), Mysuru.

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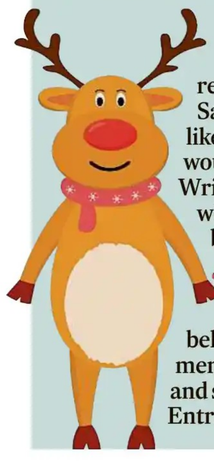
LETTER WRITING

Write an open letter to Rudolf the reindeer



If you got the chance to have a conversation with Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer who leads Santa's sleigh, what would you like to know from him, and what would you tell him about you? Write an open letter and share it with us. You stand a chance of being featured in an upcoming edition. Mail your work to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in.* Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city, and send us a recent photograph. Entries close on December 4.

Word of the Week

rampant

(adjective)
— something bad getting worse quickly and in an uncontrolled way.

Usage:
— Rumours of the flu spread rampantly in Ravi's neighbourhood.
— There was rampant corruption in Ananya's office after the rule change.

She's making people introspect: 'The Girlfriend' director

Rahul Ravindran speaks to Pranati A S about his latest directorial 'The Girlfriend' and how the Rashmika-starrer has shifted the lens on emotional abuse

Actor-turned-director Rahul Ravindran is basking in the success of his latest directorial, 'The Girlfriend'. The Rashmika Mandanna-starrer looks at toxic relationships from the female perspective. Ravindran speaks to *Showtime* about why he made the film and the response it has elicited. Excerpts:

Audiences are hooting and cheering at the climax. How does that make you feel?
When I was writing and making the film, I didn't realise that we were making a mass movie. What's heartwarming is that in most theatres I visited, 50-70% of the audience were women. Many men were also hooting and clapping for the climax. A lot of people see themselves in Bhooma, and it is gender-neutral in that sense. People who haven't been able to stand up and speak for themselves are able to connect with her. Some of the responses have been gut-wrenching, though. In the middle of the highs of all the love, appreciation and box office numbers, these stories are heavy to stomach.

Why did you want to make the film?
I believe all kinds of stories should be made, and we should discuss them instead of censoring or banning them. A few years ago, I noticed a trend in Indian cinema where the pain of the jilted lover was being glorified and even applauded. A Devdas drinks himself to death and destroys only his own life. But a 'soupboy' will not just destroy his own life, but also make the girl suffer because he is suffering. Films were justifying that as righteous revenge. That's when I thought, 'Fair enough. All kinds of stories can exist. But someday I want to make a film that shifts the camera to the other side and offers the other perspective — something that makes people uncomfortable enough to introspect.'

It seems like you did not intend on being subtle...
I wasn't trying to calculate whether something was subtle or nuanced... I wanted the film to feel as real and rooted as possible. I wanted to depict a hard-hitting, honest experience of being in a relationship — from both the narcissist's and the doormat's perspectives. I had to shape Bhooma almost like a Virgin Mary figure for some sections of the audience to root for her and empathise with her. If the same story had happened to Durga (a bolder character), it would be just as wrong. But portraying Bhooma this way felt essential. She had to come across as the kind of woman they would respect, place on a pedestal, and stand by.

Director Rahul Ravindran with Rashmika Mandanna.

What about Vikram?
I did not want Vikram (Bhooma's boyfriend) to do anything extreme, like physically or verbally abusing her or cheating on her. I didn't want any Vikram in the audience to say, "I don't do that, so I'm okay." I wanted to stay in the emotional abuse space. I did write him as complex as possible, but many people called him one-note. I tell them he seems that way because you spot the red flags early. The film wasn't meant to impress those who already agree with its politics, but to reach those who don't. I am glad Deekshith (who plays Vikram) took the role despite having concerns initially. It was brave of him, especially so early in his career.

What were your thoughts while writing Bhooma's emotional journey?
I wanted to tell the story from Bhooma's point of view, so a Vikram could go home, unpack and understand why, even if he thinks he's a great boyfriend, she may still be unhappy and that's why she is breaking up. I had to understand why Bhooma would be unhappy in a relationship with a man who never hits, abuses or cheats. That is the meat of the story; that it is not just these things that make you a good boyfriend or husband. Those are just the basics. Men should not be taking credit for these. From that point of view, it was about why Bhooma would be a certain way. That led me to explore who she is, her childhood and her upbringing. Ultimately, the film is about a girl finding her voice — from being unable to ask for help with her luggage to standing on stage and speaking for herself.

(Read full interview online)

Richard Burton at 100

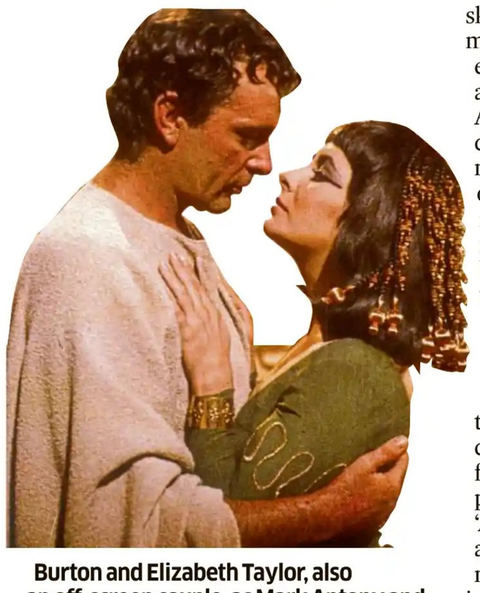
A FAUSTIAN JOURNEY

The actor, once the highest paid in the world, diluted his artistic promise, writes M K Raghavendra

British actors with a theatre background have brought something very specific to cinema — their voice and articulation. And they have been cast in films accordingly. Among the greatest and most senior of these are Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud and Alec Guinness.

Olivier is best known for his performances in the title roles in Shakespeare adaptations of 'Henry V' (1944), 'Richard III' (1955) and 'Hamlet' (1948) but he also played ethnic personages in 'Khartoum' (1966) and 'Marathon Man' (1976). Guinness did not do Shakespearean roles on the screen but essentially undertook ethnic impersonations like Arab princes (in 'Lawrence of Arabia'), Soviet secret policemen ('Dr Zhivago') and Indian thinkers ('A Passage to India'). In an impersonation, an actor devises or mimics mannerisms without inhabiting a role; Guinness also played the late Fuhrer in 'Hitler: The Last Ten Days' (1973). Gielgud, like another great actor Paul Scofield, was less energetic, appeared in fewer film roles and relied almost entirely on intonation. The roles (as in Alain Resnais's 'Providence', 1977) were smaller but memorable.

Among the next generation of stage actors from Britain, the most prominent were Richard Harris, Peter O'Toole and Albert Finney. These actors too, because of their charisma, eventually played notables although they began with lead roles as in 'Lawrence of Arabia' (O'Toole) and 'Cromwell' (Harris). Albert Finney, likewise, after a triumph in 'Tom Jones' (1963) was eventually content to play smaller parts as that of the psychologist in 'The Bourne Ultimatum' (2007).



Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, also an off-screen couple, as Mark Antony and Cleopatra in 'Cleopatra' (1963).

Richard Burton in 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' (1966).

These secondary but important roles demand charisma — so the actor dominates a few scenes — and all these actors had loads of it.

Richard Burton (born November 20, 1925) was slightly older than Harris and O'Toole but he belonged to the same generation. He gave a solid stage performance as Hamlet in 1964 and theatre critic Kenneth Tynan called him a natural successor to Olivier. Burton was Welsh and had the right kind of mellifluous baritone voice. He might have followed in the same path as the others, perhaps preceding O'Toole and Harris (who were Irish), if his career had not taken a different direction in Hollywood. In fact, in the 1950s and 1960s, Burton played many of the same kind of roles in 'The Robe', 'Beckett' (with Peter O'Toole), 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf' and 'Anne of a Thousand Days', essentially adaptations of theatre. But the turning point may have come with 'Cleopatra' (1963). He played Mark Anthony and Elizabeth Taylor, Cleopatra. This was then the most expensive film ever made and the two stars, after some personal skirmishes, fell in love. Both were married and their respective spouses learned from the media of it, and quickly moved out of the way. A story goes that Laurence Olivier cabled to Burton to make up his mind, whether to be a great actor or a household word, and Burton replied briefly: "Both!" After their marriage in 1964 and a string of boxoffice successes, Burton was the highest paid actor in the world; but a lot of that had to do with him and Taylor as the world's most glamorous couple.

Now that every bit of information is available online, Burton's career leaves one with mixed feelings, and my own favourite film performances are 'Beckett' and 'Anne of a Thousand Days'. His theatre performance as Hamlet (directed by John Gielgud) is available in part, except for a scene where the prince confronts his father's ghost — Gielgud plays the ghost and completely eclipses Burton through his voice modulation. Burton's Hamlet (praised for its masculinity) is too loud and rhetorical. He struggled with alcohol addiction and for commercial reasons accepted all kinds of roles including in adventure films like 'Where Eagles Dare' (1968) or 'The Wild Geese' (1978). Hearing his Shakespearean diction in such roles is even ludicrous — especially when teamed up with someone inarticulate like Clint Eastwood. Another highly praised role about which I also have doubts is 'The Spy Who Came in from the Cold' (1965) where his voice and diction simply do not blend happily with the role of a featureless spy. In fact, considering that many of the action roles could have done with stars like Sylvester Stallone or Mark Wahlberg, one wonders why they were even offered to someone like Burton. To make matters worse, Burton does not suppress his oratorical skills regardless of the roles and delivers lines ("Broadsword calling Danny boy....") on the radio transmitter (in 'Where Eagles Dare') as though he was quoting Shakespeare!

It is perhaps unfortunate that for all his early talent as an actor, what Burton will be most remembered for was that he married Elizabeth Taylor twice (with a year-long gap in between). That they loved each other there can be little doubt. The two acted together in Franco Zeffirelli's 'The Taming of the Shrew' (1967) and 'Kenneth Tynan' (who had once praised Burton) wrote in a review that the conflict between the man and the woman — the subject of Shakespeare's play — is all pretense since Burton and Taylor, in reality, love each other. Tynan aptly titled his scathing review, 'Burton and Taylor must go!' The choice that Richard Burton exercised in picking the glamour of marriage to Elizabeth Taylor over being the outstanding actor that he might have been was perhaps deeply Faustian.

(The author is a well-known film critic)

FEEDBACK
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AI will make us respect live music, dance even more: A R Rahman

Artificial intelligence will push musicians to be more creative, A R Rahman said in an interview with Nikhil Kamath on the podcast series People by WTF. "You have to be contrarian to whatever the predictive model is," he advised, in a candid chat spanning an hour and 48 minutes and covering many aspects of his life.

His advice to AI pioneers: "Don't make people lose jobs. Empower people to remove the curses of generational poverty, misinformation, and lack of tools to create." On the creative process, he emphasised the importance of consistency: "First you get mud, then you get water, then you get petrol, then you get gold, but you have to keep digging." He said AI wouldn't be able to pass on "the spirit of music" to a student like a human guru could. "Live concerts, live dance, live musical theatre, symphonies will be respected even more," he predicted. *On YouTube*

MOVIE REVIEWS

A poignant depiction of war

TAHER AHMED

★★★★½

120 Bahadur
Hindi (Theatres)
Director: Razneesh Ghai
Cast: Farhan Akhtar, Raashi Khanna, Sparsh Walia, Ankit Siwach

Sacrifice and valour are often forgotten, left to wither between the pages of old history books, but the stories of those who sacrifice themselves for their country deserve to be heard.

'120 Bahadur' depicts the brotherhood and bravery of the 120 soldiers of the Charlie Company, who fought valiantly and laid down their lives to ensure the Chinese army didn't advance to capture Indian territory in the Sino-Indian war of 1962.

Major Shaitan Singh (Farhan Akhtar) inspires his troops, as they face the wrath of the Chinese army. The 120 troops of the 13 Kumaon Regiment might have been perceived as raucous and fun-loving by others, but their love for the motherland could never be doubted.

The movie is depicted through the eyes of sepoy Ramchander Yadav, the radio operator who survived the battle. While the first half of the movie showcases the human element of soldiers, who know what they've signed on for and yet march ahead fearlessly, the second half captures the poignancy of war.

Farhan Akhtar plays Major Shaitan Singh.

The movie is paced well, with a strong on-screen presence combined with exceptional cinematography. It does not go over the top at tugging your heart, but makes the right impact, as you respect and admire the courage of the bravehearts.

Farhan Akhtar excels in his role, ably supported by Raashii Khanna who plays Shagun, Singh's wife. The supporting characters seem to fit right in, with everyone playing their role to perfection.

As one leaves the movie hall, one cannot help but be filled with pride and respect for the 120 bahadurs and the million others who serve the country.

Kapoors serve banter but no insights

RASHMI VASUDEVA

★★☆☆☆

Dining with the Kapoors
Hindi (Netflix)
Director: Smriti Mundhra, Geeta Singh

Dining with the Kapoors wants to be this oh-so-candid glimpse into Bollywood's self-anointed first family, but it mostly feels like you've wandered into someone's home at lunchtime: they're awkward, you're embarrassed, and everyone is painfully aware of the cameras. There's laughter, mild ribbing, stilted teasing and the occasional flicker of genuine tenderness. There's warmth, yes, but it's constantly undercut by a performative self-consciousness the film never quite shakes off.

For a family that insists it has shaped the very architecture of Hindi cinema, the superficiality is startling. The documentary is all tell and no show — something their mercurial patriarch, the original Showman Raj Kapoor, would have rolled his eyes at. The clan has ostensibly gathered to celebrate his centenary, and you keep waiting for those undiscovered nuggets, the half-forgotten stories, the creative tensions. Instead, you get relentless chatter and very little insight, and the trim, one-hour runtime only makes it worse. The fabled Kapoor genealogy doesn't help either; it's so head-spinning that midway through you stop bothering to decode who is whose aunt, cousin or grandson. And the endless paeans to ghee, tadka and "Kapoor khaana" start to grate long before the credits roll.

Yet the film isn't without glimmers of what it could have been. The flashbacks to Raj Kapoor's legendary Deonar Cottage parties show us what a different era looked like. An era of ambition, elusive stars and big-screen magic. In those rare, evocative moments, you sense the richer, more layered portrait this documentary could have been but never musters the will to be.

The Kapoor family members share treasured memories.

Wonderful, witchy and whimsical

SWEEKRUTHI K

★★★☆☆

Wicked: For Good
English (Theatres)
Director: Jon M Chu
Cast: Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo, Jonathan Bailey, Ethan Slater

The opening of 'Wicked: For Good' feels like a run-on sentence from the first — the sequel picks up with the same intensity and pace. Starting smack dab in the story, only five years later, makes for a great hook right at the beginning. While the high production value and excellent musical quality keep up this interest, fans of 'The Wizard of Oz' and the original musical may be left wanting, as the story develops.

The sequel to Jon Chu's 2024 highest-grossing musical follows Cynthia Erivo's Elphaba labelled as the 'Wicked Witch of the West'. As the plot thickens, other witches arise too. While she fights the Wizard's schemes against Oz's animals, she battles with her reputation and the distortion of her actions. The development and realisation of various story arcs shine in the film — Nessa, Boq and the Wizard among them. However, in addition to Fiyero's search for honesty, it is Glinda's gradual and complex growth that stands out.

The sequel focuses on Elphaba and Glinda's friendship, complete with a teary and powerful performance. Jonathan Bailey brings his classic, familiar yearning. The depiction of Madame Morrible comes off clumsy and exaggerated. The subtle, seemingly hurried focus on Dorothy and her troupe can be disappointing.

Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo play Elphaba and Glinda.

The story is powerful, in its reflections on the ideas of "goodness", "wickedness" and the public need for figures to support and blame alike. The grand scale of the production is evident, with larger-than-life set-ups, costumes and colour schemes that are both captivating and delightful.

'Wicked: For Good' holds up, as a sequel. It completes the story in a satisfying way. It matches the tone and quality of the first, and though the story may be less thrilling, the second film nearly surpasses it in visual appeal and depth of characterisation.

Hit web series loses its edge in third season

PRANATI A S

★★☆☆☆

The Family Man
Hindi (Prime Video)
Creators: Raj & DK
Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Jaideep Ahlawat, Nimrat Kaur, Priyamani, Sharib Hashmi

Raj and DK are back with another season of 'The Family Man'. Intelligence officer Srikanth Tiwari (Manoj Bajpayee) must once again strike a balance between protecting his country and his family — who, this time, are more tangled than ever in events that could lead to a major conflict between countries. Will Tiwari stop a war this time, especially when he is on the run and is being hunted by his own organisation?

This season of 'The Family Man' is set in the northeastern states of India. Its focus is on border tensions between India and Myanmar and covert Chinese operations in the region. While the first two seasons dealt with specific terror threats, the third season looks at terrorism from a wider perspective, spanning geopolitics, misinformation, foreign intelligence and the business of warfare. This gives scope for multiple villains — Jaideep Ahlawat as Rukma, a drug smuggler who is the main antagonist, and Nimrat Kaur as an international agent. Ahlawat and Nimrat share a palpable chemistry.

After two seasons, Srikanth and other recurring characters are now quite predictable. As a result, the show lacks suspense and excitement. A few exceptions are the scenes that capture the toll on Srikanth's personal life, and some moments among family members, especially the ones involving his son Atharv (Vedant Sinha).

The northeast seems to be the new favourite destination for Indian filmmakers ('Paatal Lok' was also set in Nagaland). Are the filmmakers trying to nudge the ruling government to do something about the region's woes? Or is it simply a welcome change of scenery?

Manoj Bajpayee is back as Srikanth Tiwari.

IN BRIEF

Tamoghna, Raashi win titles

▸ Tamoghna overcame some initial hiccups to pocket the under-15 boys' singles title at the Kosmos Club State Ranking Table Tennis tournament on Friday, reports DHNS.

Results (all finals): Under-15: Boys: Tamoghna bt Aman George Thomas 12-10, 11-7, 11-5, 11-2.
Girls: Raashi Rao bt Mihika Udupa 9-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9.
U-13: Boys: Mohith Deepak Belavadi bt Arnav Mithun 11-7, 11-9, 11-5.

K'taka go down to Gujarat

▸ Shilpaben Thakor and RinkalVaja scored a goal each as Gujarat beat Karnataka 2-0 in the Dr Talimeren Ao Junior Girls National Football Championship in Ananthpur on Thursday, reports DHNS.

Result: Gujarat: 2 (Shilpaben Thakor 7th, RinkalVaja 60th) bt Karnataka: 0.

BBHC B edge Friends HC

▸ Chetan, Manish Mayur, Uthappa KK and Jeelani all found the back of the net as Bengaluru Blues Hockey Club B edged Friends Hockey Club, Kalburgi 4-3 in a tight KSHA C Division Hockey League Championship game on Thursday, reports DHNS.

Result: Bengaluru Blues Hockey Club B: 4 (Chethan 3rd, Manish Mayur 33rd, Uthappa KK 36th, Jeelani 47th) bt Friends Hockey Club, Kalburgi: 3 (Sharan 16th, 38th, Prem Kumar 39th).

Niki to lead Karnataka

▸ Niki Prasad will lead Karnataka at the Under-23 Women's T20 Trophy to be held in Haryana from November 24, reports DHNS.

Meanwhile, Karnataka also announced 34-member probables for the Under-19 Women's ODI Trophy.

Squads: U-23 Women's T20 Trophy: Niki Prasad (captain), Mithila Vinod, Krishika Reddy, BG Tejashwini, Roshini Kiran (vice-captain), Saloni P, Soumya Verma (WK), Liyanka Shetty, Namitha D' Souza, Rachitha Hatwar (WK), Pooja Kumari M, Deeksha J Honushree, Srinithi P Rai, Rohitha Chowdry P, Prerana GR, Ananya Hegde. **Coach:** Karuna Jain. **Manager:** Sunitha Ananthakrishnan. **Strength & Conditioning Coach:** Kirti S. **Physiotherapist:** Pooja S.

Ronak stars in Mysuru A win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Ronak top-scored with 41 points while Chandan added another 14 for Mysuru A during their 93-66 win over Davanagere in the State Association Cup Championship at the Sree Kanteerava Courts here on Friday.

Results: Men: Mysuru A: 93 (Ronak 41, Chandan 14) bt Davangere: 66 (Aditya 23) HT: 50-34; Mysore B: 57 (Manish 14) bt Mandya: 34 (Muthu 15) HT 33-13; Dharwad A 66 (Vishwa 27, Abhishek 11) bt Ramanagara: 42 (Abhinav 12, Nikhil 11). HT: 31-24; Chamrajnagara: 64 (Pavan 14, Sudesh 11) bt Bellary: 38 (Aatif 12). HT: 33-18; Dharwad B: 52 (Shashank 11) bt Hoskote BC: 49 (Rakesh 17). HT: 24-17; Chikkaballapura: 91 (Venugopal 30, Vidyasagar 15) bt Mandya: 61 (Raghavendra 18, Hari Krishna 14). HT: 43-31; Bellary: 65 (Aatif 19, Asif 15) bt Kolar: 62 (Likith Narayan 24, Tousif 11). HT: 33-30; Chikkamagaluru: 72 (Chanakya 17, Nishanth 13) bt Belagavi: 35 (Abhishek 8). HT: 47-18.
Women: Mandya: 47 (Manasa 22, Harshitha 11) bt Mysuru B: 42 (Sharvani 18, Aanchal 13). HT: 15-23.

◆ ON TV ◆

CRICKET

2nd Test: India vs South Africa **(day 1, 9 am). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

1st Ashes Test: Australia vs England **(day 2, 7:50 am). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

3rd ODI: New Zealand vs West Indies **(6 am). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

FOOTBALL

EPL: Burnley vs Chelsea **(6 pm)**, Liverpool vs Nottingham Forest, Bournemouth vs West Ham, Wolves vs Crystal Palace, Brighton vs Brentford, Fulham vs Sunderland **(all 8:30 pm)**, Newcastle vs Man City **(11 pm). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

BADMINTON

Australian Open: Semifinals **(6:30 am). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

MOTORSPORT

Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix **(qualifying: 9:30 am). LIVE** on **F1TV Pro, FanCode.**

CRICKET INDIA-SA TEST SERIES

Pressure on India TO DELIVER

South Africa buzzing with confidence as they seek series win

MADHU JAWALI
GUWAHATI, DHNS

Guwahati steps into the limelight as it becomes the 28th venue in India to host a Test match on Saturday. The sense of occasion is unmistakable among the people here and the stakes are high as India and South Africa move into the second and final Test with the series on the line.

South Africa lead 1–0 and victory or even a draw will secure their first Test series win in India in 25 years. India, meanwhile, must win to level the contest and avoid a second home series in their last three. And Indian win will also end Temba Bavuma's unbeaten run of 11 Tests, in which he has 10 wins and a draw.

The hosts face an additional challenge with regular captain Shubman Gill ruled out due to injury. His absence hands vice-captain Rishabh Pant his first match as Test captain at home, making him the 38th cricketer to lead India in this format.

Pant has a limited experience of leading, with his most recent assignment being India A's two four-day matches against South Africa. That series ended 1-1 with India A losing the second match after failing to defend 400-plus runs. Pant was at the helm again -- taking over captain's badge after Gill left the field with neck spasm -- when India failed to chase a target of 134. The wicketkeeper-batter, therefore, walks out for the toss with a touch of anxiousness as scrutiny can be harsh if the result doesn't go India's way.

Much of the pre-match conversation has centred around the pitch. The grassy surface at Guwahati presents a significantly different picture compared to the sharply turning track seen at Eden Gardens where batting skills took a backseat and luck gained precedence. If the pitch behaves as it appears, the contest could stretch into deeper days which would be a refreshing change from a sequence of short matches across world cricket this year.

India are likely to make at least one change to their playing XI given Gill's unavailability. There is a close contest between two left-handed top-order batters, Sai Sudharsan and Devdutt Padikkal, both of whom are pushing hard for selection. Another intriguing decision concerns Washington Sundar who was promoted to the No. 3 position in Kolkata. Whether he retains that slot if Sudharsan, who has been earmarked as one-drop, is picked ahead of Padikkal, who was in imperious touch in domestic cricket.

Another potential change on card is Nitish Reddy replacing Axar Patel, given the look of the pitch. A fourth spinner on this track may be prove to be superfluous as conditions may not warrant his services.

Another unique element is the timing of play. The Test begins at 9.00 am -- instead of the conventional 9.30 or 10.00 -- to compensate for shorter daylight in the region. Players have spoken about how the shift can influence preparation because eating and sleeping patterns must be adjusted. The session scheduling is different too with tea being taken before lunch in order to accommodate the maximum number of overs each day. Adaptability will be a key skill since mornings could provide extra assistance for fast bowlers due to moisture in the pitch and nip in the air.

South Africa have concerns of their own. Kagiso Rabada has been ruled out once again and the visitors are contemplating to include Lungi Ngidi who has joined the squad as cover. The attack did well without Rabada in the first Test with spinners doing the bulk of the job.

Both sides will be under pressure to win the decider; India to draw the series and South Africa to win it. The stage is set for what promises to be a memorable Test in Guwahati, a first in north-east part of India.

Either Devdutt Padikkal (left) or Sai Sudharsan (right) are expected to play in place of injured captain Shubman Gill in the second Test against South Africa that starts in Guwahati on Saturday. PTI

One-off match not best scenario as captain: Pant

MADHU JAWALI
GUWAHATI, DHNS

Leading in a one-off Test can be a tricky proposition. If you win, it's forgotten quickly but if you lose, the scrutiny can be harsh and long-lasting. Rishabh Pant, who will captain in the absence of the injured Shubman Gill, faces this situation as India look to level the two-Test series against South Africa here.

"Definitely, a one-off match is not the best scenario as a captain," Pant conceded to a pointed question but added that he didn't want to put "undue pressure" on himself. "But at the same time, I'm really proud that BCCI has given me this opportunity. You know, whenever you're leading your country, it's the proudest moment. At the same time, I don't want to think about it too much.

"I don't want to take that undue pressure of captaincy, I just want to keep things very simple. How I see the game, how we want to play as a team... That's the kind of conversation we're having in the group. If you think about that too much, you're putting undue pressure which we don't want as a team."

Extending the same scenario from a team's perspective, Pant, only the second wicketkeeper to lead India, agreed that bouncing back after losing in a two-Test series was a difficult task.

"It is always good to have more matches because you can come back from it. When you have a two-match series, it's harder because the pressure is all the more if you lose the first match. But at the same time, you know, these are the things which we can't control as a team," he said.

Given his free-spirited nature, what kind of captain is he going to be?

"I want to keep a mixture of both," noted Pant. "I think being conventional also helps but adding that out-of-the-box thinking definitely works out. So, for me, it's all about finding that balance between conventional and out-of-the-box thinking."

Pant's tactical calls, while standing in for Gill in the first Test, received some flak particularly his decision to hold back pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj who eventually polished off the tail but not before Temba Bavuma scored the lone half-century of the match and added some valuable runs in their second innings.

When probed about his decision to stick with spinners on the third morning, Pant maintained it was a collective decision.

"Going with a spinner was our thought process but there was always a chance when you can get a fast bowler in. But that's the challenge as a captain, you want to face each and every day that you're going to be questioned.

"But eventually you're going to do what you believe is right in that given frame of mind and trust that person who has the ball will do the job for the team."

India's Rishabh Pant is all smiles during a press conference ahead of the second Test against South Africa in Guwahati on Friday. PTI

'Jealous' Bavuma bats for four-Test series between India and SA

MADHU JAWALI
GUWAHATI, DHNS

For all their history of not having as many ICC silverwares as the quality of their side deserves, South Africa have always been a top-class Test team. The defending World Test Championship winners, however, don't get to play more than two or three Tests in a series. The five-Test marquee series are the reserve of the so-called Big Three -- India, England and Australia.

While hosting a Test match is a financial hazard for most other countries outside the Big Three, just two matches for the Proteas against India is a disservice to the traditional format. South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma's frustration and helplessness was all too apparent when his attention was drawn to the disparity.

"Players are not involved when it comes to mapping our schedule," Bavuma said on the eve of the second Test here on Friday. "Look, I think we've been asked about this countless times. And I think every player that has had the opportunity to interact with the media, having that question in front of them, has voiced out their frustration."

Another downside of a two-Test series is that there is no comeback for the team that loses the first Test with its best option being levelling the series. The situation also discourages the team with a 1-0 lead to go for the win. It would rather look to protect the lead.

"We woke up this morning to watch the Ashes, and we watched with a bit of jealousy, knowing that the five Tests, they'll be going at each other," Bavuma pointed out. "So, yeah, hopefully, not too far in the future, but more in the near future, we'll go back to playing four Tests against India, whether here in India or back home in South Africa.

"Look, either way, the series goes 1-1 or 2-0... You know it would be nice for a 3-4 match series against a formidable team like India. And I think it's just good for the fans, really, when people get to see good cricket, one team dominating, another team dominating, but they also being an opportunity for one team to come out as victors. So, look, like I want to say, as players, all we can do is just what we've been trying to do out on the field, keep playing good cricket. And I think that will attract the top nations to play a lot more cricket."

Shanth Kumar's team reveals youth-focus plank

BENGALURU, DHNS

Team Brijesh Patel, which will be led by presidential candidate KN Shanth Kumar, Director of The Printers (Mysore) Private Limited that publishes Deccan Herald and Prajavani, on Friday unveiled their manifesto for the upcoming KSCA elections where they said their main focus would be to boost grass-root cricket and revitalise the Chinnaswamy Stadium to enhance fan experience.

Among the main points listed out in their manifesto are: reviving the 'Champions of Champions' tournament where league winners from zones compete against each other (both men and women); ensuring most matches are played on turf pitches; launching the 'Catch Them Young' initiative at U-12 level and subsequently reviving inter-collegiate tournaments and establish a structured calendar window for inter-club tournaments across age groups.

Shanth Kumar, who served as the president of the Karnataka Olympic Association between 1993 and 95, said he's hoping to use his rich experience of watching sports from close quarters if elected as the head of KSCA. "I think I bring with me a very rich experience that I have gathered for many decades. I believe whatever we achieve, whatever we try and get to do, and what we hope to achieve, will all be done as a team, just like a game of cricket," Shanth Kumar told the media.

"It's a matter of teamwork. It's not some individual magic that anybody is going to bring this. So, I firmly believe in team work and hope to provide leadership to this team. And if elected as the president, I only hope to be the first among equals. That's what I believe in."

Shanth Kumar said the focus will be on youth development because they are the future. "On top comes the infrastructure development. Of course, over the last few decades, a lot of work has been done by successful committees. We intend to further that development across the State with a special focus on Bengaluru.

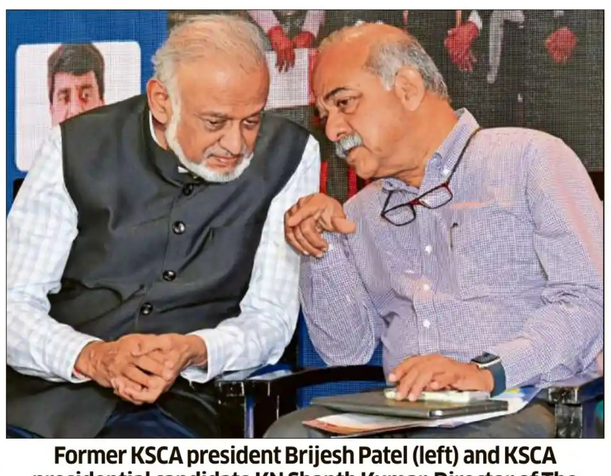
"We will focus on youth and how best we can develop their talents. We would create indoor facilities which would enable our players to play and practice in all kinds of conditions. The sports centre will be refurbished."

Brijesh, a long-time administrator at the state association and the BCCI, believed Shanth Kumar has the expertise to steer KSCA, currently going through a turbulent time, to a brighter future. "There's a discussion that great cricketers automatically make great administrators.

These are two different ball games. "We have a very experienced presidential candidate in Shanth Kumar. He's played cricket and has been involved in sports for many years. He is very well aware of the requirements of a sports organisation. He has tremendous experience in management, and this is what is required for the KSCA at present."

Cricket has come to a standstill at the Chinnaswamy Stadium since the June 4 stampede during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL victory celebrations that led to the death of 11 fans. Shanth Kumar, while condoling the tragedy, said enhancing the fan experience is one of their top priorities.

"The fans are a very important part of our ecosystem and we will work hard to improve and give them a high level of satisfaction in their experience. They should be able to come and enjoy cricket."



Former KSCA president Brijesh Patel (left) and KSCA presidential candidate KN Shanth Kumar, Director of The Printers (Mysore) Pvt Ltd, discuss a point during a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

KSCA to go to polls on December 7

The Karnataka High Court on Friday passed an order directing that the election to the managing committee of Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) shall be held on December 7, reports Ambarish B from DHNS.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed this order while quashing the November 17 letter issued by the Electoral Officer of KSCA postponing the elections, initially scheduled to be held on November 30. Justice Suraj Govindaraj has also requested former high court judge Justice Subhash B Adi to supervise the elections.

The court passed this order while allowing the petition filed by KSCA and B K Ravi, one of the members of the Committee. Disposing the petition, the court said that the elections will have to be held as per the existing by-laws of KSCA and directed to complete the elections as per the calendar of events modified by the court.

As per the modified calendar of events, no change has been made in the date for filing of nomination. The scrutiny of nomination, which was scheduled to be on November 17, will now be conducted on Nov 24, between 11 am and 4 pm. The list of candidates should also be announced on Nov 24. The scrutiny of nomination would now be conducted on Nov 24 and list of candidates to be announced on the same day, while Nov 26 has been fixed as the date for withdrawal of nominations and announcement of eligible candidates. The court has further stated that the election will take place on Dec 7 and the results will be declared the same day.

Star India batter Smriti Mandhana (right) will wed music composer Palash Mucchal on November 23. X

Wedding bells for Mandhana, Mucchal

NEW DELHI, PTI: World Cup-winning Indian women's cricket team star Smriti Mandhana has made her engagement with music composer Palash Mucchal official, triggering an avalanche of congratulatory messages, including one from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The swashbuckling batter turned on the fun quotient in a rare video of her dancing with her team-mates -- Radha Yadav, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shreyanka Patil and Arundhati Reddy -- while flashing her engagement ring and a wide smile to the tune of 'Samjho ho hi gaya' from Bollywood movie 'Lage Raho Munnabhai'.

The clip has already drawn more than 1.9 million likes and over 12,000 comments on Instagram since being shared by Jemimah. Mandhana and Mucchal will tie the knot on November 23.

Bangladesh A stun India A in Super Over to enter final

DOHA, PTI: India A paid a heavy price for their insipidness with bat and ball, succumbing to Bangladesh A in Super Over in the semifinals of the Rising Stars Asia Cup here on Friday.

Bangladesh A will face the winner of the second semifinal between Pakistan Shaheens and Sri Lanka A, to be played later in the day, in the final on Sunday.

India A bowlers faltered in the business end as Bangladesh piled a handy 194 for six in 20 overs, and the Jitesh Sharma-led side too ended up at the same score, forcing a Super Over.

However, India inexplicably decided to field Jitesh, Ashutosh Sharma and Ramandeep Singh in the Super Over when they had Vaibhav Suryavanshi and Priyansh Arya in the dugout.

Brief scores: Bangladesh A: 194/6 in 20 overs (Habibur Rahman Sohan 65, Jishan Alam 26, SM Meherob 48; Gurjapneet Singh 2-39) bt India A: 194/6 in 20 overs (Vaibhav Suryavanshi 38, Priyanh Arya 44, Jitesh Sharma 33, Nehal Wadhera 32 n.o.; Abu Hider Rony 2-44, Rakibul Hasan 2-39). **Result:** Match tied (Bangladesh A won the Super Over). **PoM:** Ripon Mondol.

Bavuma to lead South Africa in ODIs, Rabada out

JOHANNESBURG, PTI: Temba Bavuma was on Friday named as South Africa's captain in the upcoming three-match ODI series against India, but premier pacer Kagiso Rabada will return home to recover from a rib injury that he sustained in a training session ahead of the ongoing Test series.

Bavuma is currently leading the Proteas in the two-match Test series against India.

Quinton de Kock has also been named in the squad.

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Top-order batter Aiden Markram, who was rested from the T20Is against Pakistan after leading the side in the Test series, will take over the captain's duty from Donnovan Ferreria.

South Africa ODI team: Temba Bavuma (captain), Ottineil Baartman, Matthew Breetzke, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Rubin Hermann, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, Lungi Ngidi, Ryan Rickelton, Prenelan Subrayen.
South Africa T20I team: Aiden Markram (captain), Ottineil Baartman, Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Donnovan Ferreria, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, George Linde, Keshav Maharaj, Kwena Maphaka, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Tristan Stubbs.

Appanna's six-for powers Southern Cricketers

BENGALURU, DHNS: Appanna ran through City Cricketers (1) with a six-wicket haul as Southern Cricketers posted a thumping 167-run win in the KSCA Group I-IV Division league cum knockout tournament for Metro Shield here.

LOCAL CRICKET

Brief scores: Southern Cricketers: 221 all out in 39.1 overs (Abhishek M 84, Shashank Patil 37; Chethan CV 2-48, Hanshal S M 2-30, Prajwal 2-56, Gaurav 3-42) bt City Cricketers (1): 54 all out in 16 overs (Vinay BC 25; Zahoor Faroqui 2-5, Appanna 6-15).
Elite Blues Cricket Club: 220/8 in 50 overs (Karan Raghavendra 41, Muniraj N 39 n.o., Ishan Chanana 54 n.o.; Rajeev Bhaskar 2-48, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 2-31) lt to Dolphin Cricketers: 221/8 in 48.4 overs (Vidyasagar M 32, Deepak Chauhan 66, Rohan BC 27; Ishan Chanana 2-35, Harish Patrot 2-31, Gagandeep HB 3-47).
Victory Cricket Club: 162 all out in 40.3 overs (Manjunath C 52, Hemanth M 36; Gowtham NJ 2-38, Adarsh B 2-21, Milan Dhami 2-42) lt to Merchants Cricket Club (2): 165 for no loss in 34.1 overs (Adarsh B 110 n.o., Bharath Kalachar 52 n.o.).
Silky Town Cricket Club, Channapatna: 264/9 in 50 overs (Yogendra Gowda V 48, Syed Usaid Sakhaff 37, Mohammed Kashif A 38, Somashekara Murthy KS 62; Suhas R 3-50) bt Jaidur Cricketers: 215 all out in 40.5 overs (Devaraju BC 81, Vinay Kumar K 52; Somashekara Murthy KS 4-52, Ravi P 2-47).
Merchant Cricket Club (1): 202 all out in 46.4 overs (Gnane 28, Madhu MR 30; Pradyumna AU 2-36, Chetan Jayatheertha 2-36, Prasanna Kumara M 3-37) bt Magadi Cricket Club, Magadi: 197/9 in 50 overs (Madhava 39, Vijay Subramanya 32, Sarafraj M Ilabad 43, Pradyumna AU 33 n.o.; Vishwa S 3-3).
Jeevanbhimanagar Cricket Club: 265/7 in 50 overs (Aarav Bajaj 55, G Akshay 25, Kayan Abbas 66, Preetham P 50 n.o., Kishor B 29; Md Sufiyan Sharief 2-61, Niranjan N 2-53) bt Sirupark Sports Club: 173 all out in 29.5 overs (Sree Roopesh S 44 n.o.,; Md Sufiyan Sharief 46; Mohammed Zaid Khan S 3-26, Pranav Preetham JA 2-26).
Bangalore Star Cricket Association: 255 all out in 47.3 overs (Srimanth P Swamy 55, Akhil Rao 54, Rahul Singhe 77; Jinesh VR 3-46, Gaurav Madhav Thorat 4-38) bt Select Cricketers: 117 all out in 39.2 overs (Vikas Chanalia 26; Karthik Govind Rathod 2-30, Akhil Rao 2-16, Lakshmi Kanth 2-7).
Sangam Cricket Association: 279/8 in 50 overs (Deepak Shridhar 45, Vinay Kumar K 37, Gowrav S 48, Kushal C 80, Ratan Thosh AS 29; Lohith S 2-59, Rohit V 3-51) bt BEL Colony Recreation Club: 267/9 in 50 overs (Mohammed Muqeeb 54, Patel 56, L Vinith 43, Lohith S 32 n.o.; Raghavendra Mohan Naik 2-63, Nihal S Patil 2-24, Kushal C 2-55, Deepak Shridhar 2-61).
Star Sports Club, Nelamangala: 241 all out in 48.4 overs (Nikhil Gowda 26, Manjesh M 79; Vikram R 2-68, J S Anand 4-26, Mohammed Farhan 2-37, Roshan Kumar 2-23) lt to Duleep Cricketers: 242/7 in 49.3 overs (Roshan Kumar 54, Bharath M 27, Mubarak S 36, Ashoka N 82 n.o.; Manoj BR 2-42, Nagesh SH 2-33, Madhu U 2-54).
Huttons Cricket Club: 192 all out in 45.2 overs (Napa Ashok 26, G Murali Krishna 76; Santhosh 2-54, Manish Upadhyay 4-20) lt to Freelancers Cricket Club: 196/7 in 36.1 overs (Santhosh 38, Chethan Kumar 30, Rakshit Kulkarni 34 n.o.; Abhishek M 34, Adnan Asad 3-49, Abdur Rahman Anas 2-34).

Magileto for BTC Trophy

BENGALURU SELECTIONS

The Western India challenger, Magileto, from Aman Altaf Hussain yard, will garner the maximum support in the Bangalore Turf Club Trophy, the feature event of the winter races to be run over a sprint on Saturday. The first race starts at 2 pm.
1. Beginners Plate - 1100M: Quantum 1, Global Dominance 2, Monumental 3.
2. Shivanasamudra Falls Plate (Div II) - 1300M: Knotty Cruise 1, Exceed 2, Amalure 3.
3. Phar Lap Plate - 1100M: Imperador 1, Aphelion 2, Saira 3.
4. YS Surender Memorial Trophy - 1600M: Alfonsine 1, Sicyon 2, Refreshment 3.
5. Bangalore Turf Club Trophy - 1200M: Magileto 1, Knotty Charmer 2, Siege Courageous 3.
6. Spark Of Gold Trophy - 1200M: Regal Reality 1, Reiko 2, Jersey King 3.
7. Shivanasamudra Falls Plate (Div I) - 1300M: Contessina 1, Stalingrad 2, Sassy Sarah 3.
Day's best: Imperador.
Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. **I treble:** 2, 3 & 4. **II treble:** 5, 6 & 7.

SUFC ease past BDUFC

BENGALURU, DHNS: Mohammed Kaif, Rinshid V, Prajwal V Gowda and Makakmayum Daniyal scored one goal apiece as South United FC eased past Bangalore Dream United FC 4-0 in the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Friday.

Kaif opened the scoring early in the ninth minute, while Rinshid doubled SUFC's lead just before the half-time break. Prajwal and Daniyal then scored in the 57th and 79th minute, respectively, to push the game out of BDUFC's hands.

Results: South United FC: 4 (Mohammed Kaif 9th, Rinshid V 45th+2, Prajwal V Gowda 57th, Makakmayum Daniyal 79th) bt Bangalore Dream United FC: 0; Parikrma FC: 1 (Haominthang Kipgen 15th) bt HAL FC: 0; Roots FC: 2 (Niranj Rajeev 43rd, Sagar Shekhar Power 90th) bt United Stars FC: 1 (Vinay R 65th).

CRICKET ASHES

Starc, Stokes the fire!

19 wickets tumble on the opening day with England marginally ahead in 1st Test

PERTH, AFP

Nineteen wickets fell on an opening day of carnage in the first Ashes Test on Friday, with England's attack led by skipper Ben Stokes bowling them into a position of strength after Australia dismissed the tourists for 172.

A rampaging Mitchell Starc took 7-58 to put England on the back foot after Stokes won the toss on a fine day at a packed Perth Stadium and chose to bat.

Harry Brook (52) and Ollie Pope (46) offered the only resistance as they crumbled after lunch.

But England's elite fast bowlers, led by an exceptional Stokes with 5-23, fought back to reduce the hosts to 123-9 at stumps, trailing by 49.

Nathan Lyon was on three with Brendan Doggett yet to score.

There was early drama in Australia's reply when Usman Khawaja failed to open with Marnus Labuschagne, instead walking out with debutant Jake Weatherald.

In a brutal introduction to Test cricket, Weatherald went for a second-ball duck, left on the floor by a Jofra Archer bullet and given out lbw.

Labuschagne fended off 41 balls for nine before he too succumbed to the sheer speed of Archer, bowled by a fuller delivery.

And when Steve Smith fell for 17 to Brydon Carse in the next over, caught by Brook at slip, it was game on.

Khawaja, who was feeling stiff, came in at four but lasted just six balls, blown away by a Carse bouncer that took a nick to wicketkeeper Jamie Smith, leaving Australia reeling at 31-4.

Cameron Green (24), Travis Head (21), Alex Carey (26) and Starc (12) all got starts, but in a reflection of the depth of England's pace stocks, Stokes removed them when he brought himself on.

Starc bagged three wickets in an intimidating opening spell, including Joe Root for a duck, before returning to send Stokes packing in his first over after the lunch break, then mopping up.

All five previous Tests at the Perth venue have been won by the side batting first, but England did their best to challenge that, getting off to a horror start.

Veteran strike weapon Starc delivered as he has so many times before, enticing a thick edge from Zak Crawley on his sixth ball that Khawaja did well to collect low at slip, the opener gone for nought.

Starc has now taken a wicket in the first over of an innings 24 times.

At the other end Ben Duckett settled his nerves with a textbook drive off Scott Boland to bank the first four of the series.

But just as he was getting going, Starc pounced again, trapping him lbw for 21 to leave England tottering on 33-2.

That brought Root to the crease in his latest campaign for an elusive first century in Australia.

He only lasted seven balls, edging a seaming delivery into the safe hands of Labuschagne at third slip.

Pope survived the furnace and was composed before Green came on and he was out lbw, leaving the visitors on 105-4 at lunch.

Brook hit Scott Boland for a six in the first over after the break before Starc again worked his magic, taking out Stokes's stumps with an inswinger when the captain was on six.

A fearless Brook raced to his 14th Test half-century before feathering a short ball to Carey, earning Doggett his maiden Test wicket on debut.

Starc then removed Gus Atkinson cheaply to give him the 17th five-wicket haul of his career and with Doggett they ruthlessly cleaned up the tail.

Brief scores: England: 172 all out in 32.5 overs (Ollie Pope 46, Harry Brook 52, Jamie Smith 33; Mitchell Starc 7-58, Brendan Doggett 2-27) vs Australia: 123/9 in 39 overs (Jofra Archer 2-11, Brydon Carse 2-45, Ben Stokes 5-23).

Australia's Mitchell Starc (left) and England's Ben Stokes starred on a cracking opening day of the Ashes Test in Perth with five-wicket hauls. AFP/ REUTERS

Stalemate semifinals

Yi, Esipenko, Yakubboev & Sinarov settle for draws at World Cup

MANISHA MOHITE

China's Wei Yi ponders a move during his semifinal game against Andrey Esipenko in Goa on Friday. FIDE

Both the games in the semifinal of the FIDE World Cup being played at Resort Rio expectedly ended in deadlock but were far away from the short, solid draws. The tussle between the two Uzbeks, Nodirbek Yakubboev and Javokhir Sinarov, who are childhood friends and have represented their country in the Chess Olympiads together did have some interesting moments before the players shook hands.

In contrast, the game between Wei Yi of China and Andrey Esipenko playing under the FIDE flag was a very impressive display of attack and dour defence, worthy of this stage and also promising an exciting game on Saturday with the colours reversed.

The event started with 200 plus players and has now trickled to just the last four. At stake are the three qualification slots to the eight player Candidates, the World Cup title and the first prize of $120,000. A victory here also comes with hope and crack at the World Champion title and this is the prime reason why an elimination here hurts and rankles so much. If a player doesn't qualify to the Candidates, the gates to the World Championship title are firmly closed for the next two years.

Esipenko opted for French Defence against Wei and in the Rubinstein variation both players castled on the Queen-side. White showed aggressive intention on the King-side but Black came out marginally better in the middlegame. Black won a pawn on the 27th turn but Wei severely short of time played a bishop sacrifice, opening up Esipenko's castle.

Results (semifinals): GM Nodirbek Yakubboev drew with GM Javokhir Sindarov; GM Wei Yi drew with GM Andrey Esipenko.

Spain to face Germany in SF

BOLOGNA, AFP

Spain and Germany will face off in the semifinals of the Davis Cup after coming through respective last-eight ties in Bologna with the Czech Republic and Argentina on Thursday.

The Spanish came back from one match down to beat the Czech Republic 2-1, while Germany -- and world No. 3 Alexander Zverev -- saw off Argentina by the same scoreline.

Marcel Granollers and Pedro Martinez beat Tomas Machac and Jakub Mensik 7-6 (10/8), 7-6 (10/8) to seal Spain's passage to the last four.

Jaume Munar set Spain up to win the tie by beating Jiri Lehecka 6-3, 6-4 and levelling up the match after Pablo Carreno Busta was beaten by world number 19 Mensik 7-5, 6-4.

Spain's biggest star, Carlos Alcaraz, pulled out of the tournament on Tuesday with a hamstring injury suffered during his defeat to Jannik Sinner in the title match of the ATP Finals on Sunday.

The six-time Grand Slam champion said in the aftermath of that defeat that his hamstring hadn't affected him, even though it was strapped up during a medical time out.

World No. 1 Alcaraz is one of three top-10 players to have dropped out of the Davis Cup finals in northern Italy, where fans have also been denied the chance to see Sinner and Lorenzo Musetti play for the Azzurri.

Former Olympic champion Zverev is the highest-ranked player left at the Davis Cup finals.

Lakshya downs Ayush, Satwik-Chirag ousted

SYDNEY, PTI: Lakshya Sen **(in pic)** overcame a resolute Ayush Shetty to secure a place in the men's singles semifinals but it was curtains for top seeded Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty at the Australian Open Super 500 tournament here on Friday.

Lakshya, seeded seventh, who had beaten the 20-year-old Shetty at the same stage in the Hong Kong Open earlier this year, won 23-21, 21-11 to set up a last-four clash against Chinese-Taipei's Chou Tien Chen, the second seed in the event.

Chou, ranked No. 9 in the world and a 2018 Asian Games silver medallist, overcame Farhan Alwi 13-21, 23-21, 21-16 in a match lasting a marathon 1 hour, 23 minutes.

However, Satwik and Chirag, who had reached the finals of Hong Long Open and China Masters, were shown the door by fifth seeded Indonesian pair of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Shohibul Fikri with a 21-19 21-15 win.

Sen is the only Indian left in men's singles after Prannoy and K Srikanth exited on Thursday.

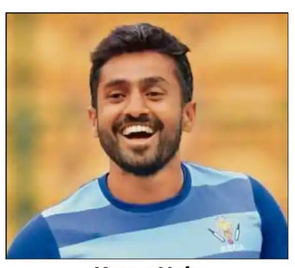
Padikkal, Karun in Karnataka's SMAT squad

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) has announced a 16-member squad for the upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, with a few familiar as well as fresh faces, to be played in Ahmedabad from November 26 to December 8.

Shikhar Shetty, who has emerged as a promising prospect in the Ranji Trophy this season, is one among the new faces. The left-arm spinner also put up a coming-of-age performance with a five-wicket haul against Chandigarh in Hubballi.

Right-arm medium pacer Shreevathsa R Acharya, who played for the Mangaluru Dragons in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20, also finds a place in the squad.



Karun Nair

Spinners Shreyas Gopal, Pravin Dubey and Shubhang Hegde have also made the list, adding to a spin-heavy arsenal.

Karun Nair, who has been scoring runs for fun in red-ball cricket, having made 602 runs at an average of 100.33 with two hundreds and two fifties, returns to the State's white-ball team.

India international Devdutt Padikkal, who is currently with the Indian squad for the South Africa Test series, has been picked but is expected to miss a few games unless the team management decides to release him for the T20 competition depending on his selection.

The wicket-keeping responsibilities is set to be shared by Shrijith KL and Sharath BR.

Experienced quicks Vyshak Vijayakumar and Vidwath Kaverappa, the hard-hitting batter Abhinav Manohar and the swashbuckling Macneil Noronha complete the squad.

Karnataka are placed in the Elite Group D alongside Tamil Nadu, Saurashtra and Delhi, and will get their campaign underway on November 26 against Uttarakhand.

Karnataka squad: Mayank Agarwal (c), Macneil Hadley Noronha, Shrijith KL (wk), Karun Nair, Smaran R, Abhinav Manohar, Shreyas Gopal, Shikhar Shetty, Vyshak Vijayakumar, Vidwath Kaverappa, Vidyadhar Patil, Shreevathsa R Acharya, Shubhang Hegde, Pravin Dubey, Sharath BR (wk), Devdutt Padikkal.

India A advance, India B bow out

BENGALURU, DHNS: Former champions India A powered into the quarterfinals with an all-win record in the league phase of the World Cup of snooker in Muscat on Friday.

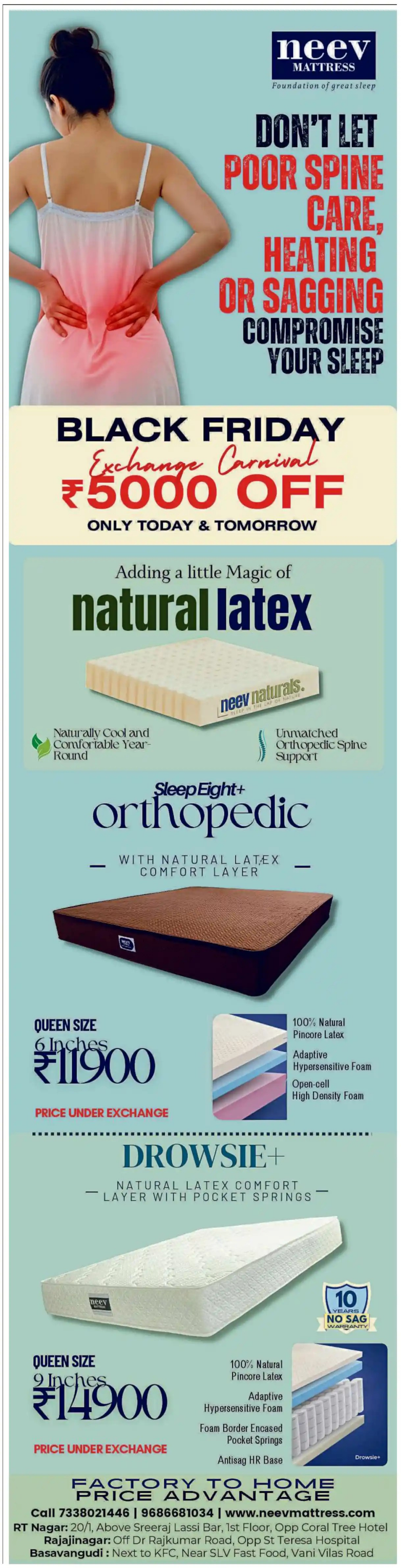
Pankaj Advani was in imperious form, powering the team, also comprising Aditya Mehta and Brijesh Damani, to a lopsided 3-1 win over United Arab Emirates (UAE) and a crushing 3-0 verdict against Afghanistan in a late-night match.

Group F toppers India A, given the top billing in the reseeding after the league phase, will take on the winner of the match between France and Indonesia on Saturday morning.

Brijesh Damani

Damani gave India A a 1-0 lead in the match against UAE with a 64-1 win over Mohamed Shehab in the first frame. Advani then rifled in a break of 86 in his 102-35 win over Khalid Kamali. Advani then partnered Aditya and made a break of 53 in the 3-0 rout.

Results: Group F: India A bt UAE 3-0 (Brijesh Damani bt Mohamed Shehab 64-1; Pankaj Advani bt Khalid Kamali 102 (86) -35; Advani/ Aditya Mehta bt Shehab/ Kamali 76 (53) -32); India A bt Afghanistan 3-1 (Advani bt Mohammad Rais Senzahi 133 (133) -0; Aditya It to Mohammad Noor Zai 20-60; Advani/Damani bt Senzahi/Noor Zai 114 (109) -7; Advani bt Noor Zai 141 (78, 63) -0).
Group A: Hong Kong China bt India B: 3-1 (Chang Yu Kiu bt Haria 81-35; Fung Kwok Wai It to Hussain 16-55; Chang/ Fung bt Haria/ Hussain 70-25; Chang bt Hussain 56-55 (55).



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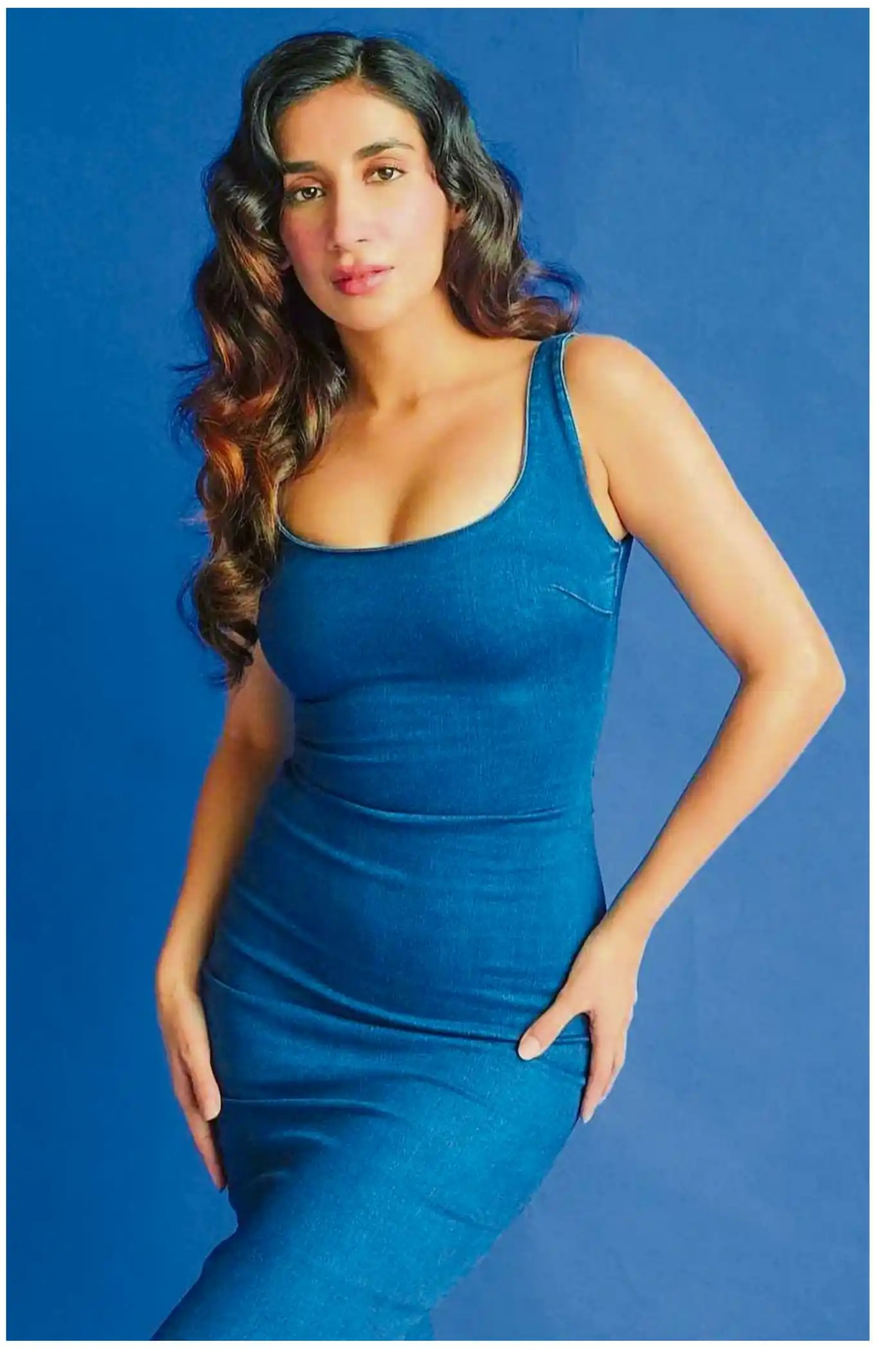

'The universe surprises you when you least expect it...'

Actress and entrepreneur Parul Gulati is carving out her own space in cinema and beyond. Discovered on Facebook, she made her television debut with 'Yeh Pyaar Na Hoga Kum'. She has since appeared in 'POW – Bandi Yuddh Ke' and 'Haq Se'. Her journey has been anything but conventional. Over the years, the dynamic star has traversed across Punjabi, Telugu and Hindi screens proving that language is no barrier when it comes to storytelling.

Now, appearing in 'Dunali', a series set in the 1960s Chambal, she plays the role of a dacoit. Parul is excited about showcasing a new range of characters and emotions, each distinct from the other. Alongside her acting career, she has also embraced entrepreneurship, founding a hair extension and wigs brand, bringing the same creativity and drive to business that she does to her performances.

Deepa Natarajan Lobo caught up with her for this chat.

You were spotted on Facebook and cast in the popular TV show 'Yeh Pyaar Na Hoga Kum'. How did that shape your journey as an actor?
That moment honestly changed my life. I was just putting myself out there on social media without any idea of what would come of it, and suddenly, I was cast in a TV show. It gave me confidence and reminded me that sometimes the universe surprises you when you least expect it.

You've worked in Punjabi, Telugu and Hindi projects. How do you approach acting across different languages and industries?
For me, emotion is the real language. I make sure I understand the rhythm of each language, but beyond that, the feelings are universal. Each industry has its own flavour, which makes the experience even richer - it's like getting to travel through cultures without leaving the camera.

Your roles in 'POW - Bandi Yuddh Ke' and 'Haq Se' were intense and socially meaningful. Which character challenged you the most?
'POW...' really pushed me. It wasn't just about playing a role - it was carrying the weight of stories that were inspired by real human struggles. It was emotionally heavy, but it made me grow a lot as an actor and I cherish working with the director Nikhil Advani.

Playing Jo March in 'Haq Se', a modern adaptation of 'Little Women', must have been unique...
Jo was Jannat Mirza in this adaptation. She has always been one of my favourite characters. So, playing her in a Kashmiri setting was powerful. I connected with her fire, her refusal to settle and her passion to create. Honestly, parts of Jannat felt like parts of me.

How is the experience of a Web series different from films or TV?
A Web series lets you get deeper into the character. The writing is sharper, the audience is more invested and the feedback is instant. It feels like you're building a relationship with the audience over time, which is very different from the one-off impact of films or TV.

What excites you about your upcoming roles?
What excites me is how different all are from each other. I don't like being boxed in and these projects let me explore new shades and new challenges. That's the fun of being an actor you never stop experimenting.

How do you balance multiple projects while staying creative and giving your best to each character?
I've learnt to be very present. When I'm on set, I'm fully in the character. When I'm working with my brand, I'm fully the entrepreneur. I try not to split my energy but give my all to what's in front of me. I simply cut distractions. And honestly, coffee helps a lot!

What made you choose Bengaluru to open your venture? How is the city's fashion landscape?
Bengaluru has this young, global energy that I really connect with. People here are experimental, open to trying new things, and that's exactly the spirit my brand stands for. The fashion here is versatile... you'll see someone in the coolest streetwear next to someone in a gorgeous saree, and somehow it all works together. That makes it such an exciting city for me to be in.

LIT spells hope when immune system turns against pregnancy

Dr Devika Gunasheela, Managing Director, **Gunasheela Surgical & Maternity Hospital**, a centre of excellence for reproductive medicine, explains how LIT therapy is helping couples overcome repeated pregnancy loss due to immunological infertility

Dr Devika Gunasheela
Managing Director
Gunasheela Surgical & Maternity Hospital

For many couples struggling with infertility or repeated miscarriages, test results may come back normal, yet conception or continuation of pregnancy remains elusive. In such cases, the cause may lie within an unexpected system - the body's own immune defence.

Your immune system protects you from bacteria, viruses and foreign cells. But sometimes, it fails to recognise the embryo as 'self' and begins to attack it. It's as if the body is rejecting its own baby. This condition, known as immunological infertility or alloimmune response, occurs when the maternal immune system reacts abnormally to paternal antigens present in the embryo. The result can be implantation failure, recurrent pregnancy loss or early miscarriage.

At Gunasheela Surgical & Maternity Hospital, whether immune factors are contributing to infertility is first analysed. Specialised tests are run to check for antiphospholipid antibodies, antinuclear antibodies, HLA compatibility and NK (natural killer) cell activity. High levels of these immune markers can signal that the body's defence system is working against pregnancy.

One of the most promising treatment options for such cases is Lymphocyte Immunization Therapy (LIT) - a process where the husband's white blood cells are collected, purified and then injected into the wife's arm in small doses. It helps the mother's immune system recognize the husband's genetic material as 'friendly,' not foreign. Gradually, the immune tolerance builds up, allowing the embryo to implant and grow safely.

Interestingly, this ground-breaking therapy was first introduced to India by Dr Sulochana Gunasheela, the late founder of Gunasheela Surgical & Maternity Hospital and one of the country's foremost fertility experts. She was a visionary, bringing LIT to India at a time when it was relatively unknown. Today, the hospital is continuing her legacy by refining and personalising it for each couple.

The therapy, performed under strict medical supervision and ethical oversight, has shown encouraging success in women with repeated early miscarriages or unexplained infertility. It is recommend only after detailed evaluation and counselling at the hospital.

Every couple's immune profile and emotional journey are unique. Beyond technology, Gunasheela Surgical & Maternity Hospital's ethos remains deeply compassionate. Patients often come to the hospital after years of heart-break. And, they leave not just with treatment, but with hope.

Winter look

Winter make-up thrives on hydration, so switch to cream formulae that blend seamlessly into cold-weather skin. Start with a nourishing, dewy primer to avoid flaking, then use a cream blush in warm tones to bring back natural colour. Opt for a hydrating foundation instead of matte, which can accentuate dryness. Finish with a balm-based highlighter on the high points for a soft glow that looks effortless, not greasy. To lock everything in, use a moisturising setting spray so that your make-up will look fresh, radiant and winter-proof all day.

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SCIENCE COMES ALIVE AT PRINCETOWN APARTMENTS

FROM HITHER AND THITHER

Residents of Princetown Apartments witnessed a rare and memorable scientific extravaganza as the Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum (VITM), Bengaluru, in collaboration with Genex Utility Management Pvt Ltd, organised a science exhibition and star gazing event within the residential complex. This unique initiative brought hands-on science directly to people's doorsteps.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from children, parents and senior residents alike. The VITM team comprising education officer R Bharadan with science communicators Vishweshwara Adiga R, Ramesha K N and Sanjana Anand, captivated the audience with engaging scientific demonstrations and interactive exhibits. From physics experiments to chemistry, their sessions sparked curiosity and excitement across age groups.

The highlight of the evening was the star gazing session, where residents had the opportunity to observe planets and celestial objects through an advanced telescope brought by VITM. For many, especially children, it was a first-time experience, viewing the night sky's wonders up close, making the event both educational and awe-inspiring.

K Sajoo Bhaskaran, Director, VITM and Jeevan K Raj, Managing Director, Genex Utility Management Pvt Ltd, expressed delight at the overwhelming response. They announced that this collaboration will continue with more such outreach programmes aimed at making science accessible, enjoyable and a part of everyday life for the people.

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Wknd. DELIGHT

Decor makes the ambience pleasant. Include objects of decor on both the main buffet tables as well as side and centre tables

TABLE MANNERS

WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

ORGANISE IN ORDER

Set the buffet table in a logical flow. The appetizers need to be together with the main course and desserts away. Leave enough space between each course so the table will not get crowded. Have a separate table for plates and cups. This will make all items easily accessible.

GET PORTIONS RIGHT

The plates need to be small. This will help you serve in small portions. When you have a variety of starters and more than one main course, it helps the guests get a taste of all items comfortably. None would like to leave out an item because of a full stomach.

Food, friends and winter cheer

The holiday season is here and it's time to host some brunches at home for friends and business associates alike. This is the best way to renew and strengthen bonds. Swatee Jog has some tongue ticklers just right for a winter brunch

The nip in the air is the perfect nudge to organise brunch parties at home for friends, colleagues and family. There's something magical about a pre-holiday brunch. It's relaxed, sunlit, cheerful and a perfect way to gather friends before the year-end chaos truly begins. Unlike lunch and dinners, brunch parties are lighter, need lesser preparation and more conversational, especially the Sunday ones. Hosting one at home is easier than you think - and much more intimate than a restaurant meet-up.

Here's our take on how to host the perfect pre-holiday brunch that leaves both your tummy and your heart full.

New brunch menu: Fresh, fun and filling

Brunch is no longer about your staple food or sandwiches. Today's Sunday brunches are experimental, global, comforting and yet delightfully unexpected. The menu is more of finger foods, easy to make, easy to devour and combines breads, desserts and drinks.

Korean Cream Cheese Garlic Buns

Soft, indulgent, bakery-style buns stuffed with sweet or savoury cream cheese dunked in parsley and drenched in garlic butter before being baked. They look gourmet but are surprisingly easy to make with store-bought buns too.

What's a brunch without a fun drink?

Beverage blast!

Mimosa Bar: Orange, pineapple and cranberry juices with soda. Add fresh fruit for colour.
Spiced Filter Coffee: With cinnamon and nutmeg.
Rose and Elderflower Lemonade: Light, floral and refreshing.
Masala Chai shots: Serve in small kulhads (clay cups) for charm.

- Set the table for simple sophistication
- Use a white or pastel shade linen cloth as the base
- Add a runner in jute or earthy tones for texture
- Place foods in mixed-height platters and cake stands to give the table elevation
- Use small plates for guests to try everything without feeling full too soon

The host's secret sauce

- Prep the previous night, almost everything except frying and assembly
- Seek help for the main dishes so you can join in the fun
- Don't overfill the table - three small bites, two mains and two desserts work wonders
- Play soft music to set the vibe
- Decorate small areas with banners - drinks counter, dessert station etc

People remember how they felt, whom they met and what they spoke, but not how perfect the food was. In a world obsessed with grand parties, a warm, sunlit brunch with friends feels personal, comforting and meaningful.

It sets a festive mood, fills the home with laughter, and creates the kind of memories that last long after the brunch.

Mixed Millet Masala Khichdi

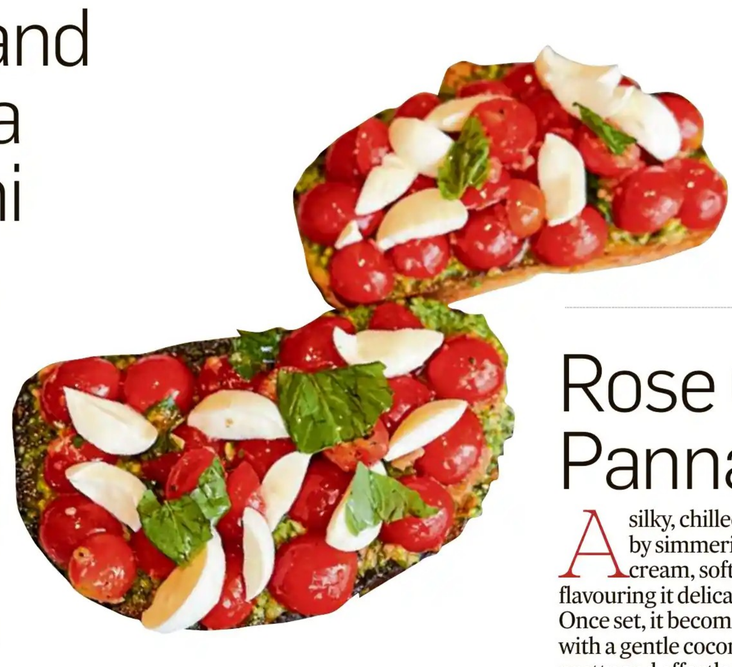
A hearty, nutritious one-pot meal made with a blend of millets (foxtail, little and barnyard), moong dal, mixed vegetables - peas, carrots, broccoli, and whole Indian spices. Tempered with ghee, cumin, ginger and green chillies, this khichdi is light, yet filling, aromatic and packed with fibre - perfect for a wholesome brunch bow

Smashed Potato Cups

Boiled potatoes are smashed, shaped as cups and oven-roasted till crisp. The filling can be as imaginative as curried peas or mushroom, spinach and sun-dried tomatoes, topped with herbed sour cream and spring onions. Ideal as starters and kids would love them too.

Pesto and Burrata Crostini

A simple, yet elegant, Italian appetiser made by topping crisp oven-toasted baguette slices with fragrant basil pesto, creamy torn burrata and (optional) roasted cherry tomatoes. Finished with a drizzle of olive oil, a touch of seasoning and fresh basil, it delivers a perfect mix of crunch, creaminess and bright Mediterranean flavour.



Rose Coconut Panna Cotta

A silky, chilled classic Italian dessert made by simmering coconut milk with a touch of cream, softening it with gelatin (agar), and flavouring it delicately with rose syrup or essence. Once set, it becomes a fragrant, floral panna cotta with a gentle coconut sweetness - refreshing, pretty and effortlessly elegant. Add a dash of rose petals to decorate.

LEISURE

Beetle Bailey

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YOU TREAT US LIKE CHILDREN!
I'M NOT TIRED!
WHY CAN'T WE STAY UP LATE?
SHUT UP AND GO TO SLEEP!
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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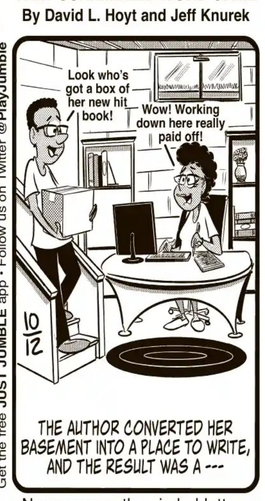
Look who's got a box of her new hit book!
Wow! Working down here really paid off!
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THE AUTHOR CONVERTED HER BASEMENT INTO A PLACE TO WRITE, AND THE RESULT WAS A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Ans. here: ( ) " ( ) "

Answers: The author converted her basement into a place to write, and the result was a — BEST "CELLAR"

CLOVE FRONT BITTEN SALMON

HITORI-123

7	1	8	1	5	1	7	1
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2	5	7	3	1	1	6	8
1	6	4	1	7	5	1	1

SOLUTION for HITORI-123

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■	7	3	■	2	■	6	4
1	■	2	4	6	■	7	8
6	4	■	2	8	1	■	7
■	5	3	■	4	■	8	6
7	8	4	3	1	2	1	5
■	7	■	5	■	8	1	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

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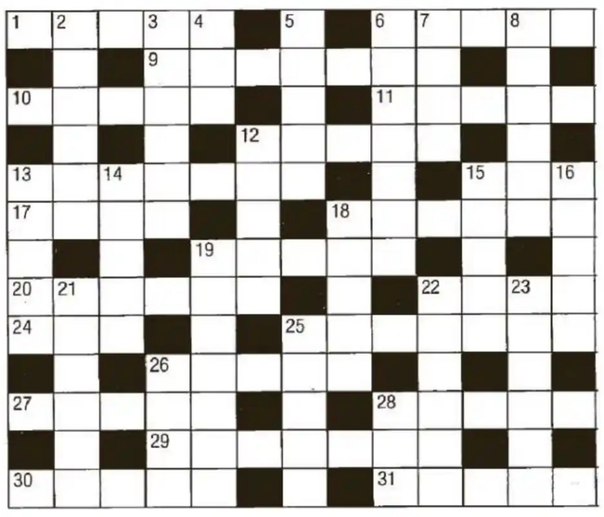

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Spirit of a grand American entertainer (5)
6 Quoted the wrong edict (5)
9 Maker of the wild race on the hill (7)
10 Two ways to try and get access (5)
11 Whereat there's a solid use for water (5)
12 In several ways, to us, she looks a star (5)
13 Sumptuously fed by the lady in red (7)
15 A diminutive relative (3)
17 Race starter (4)
18 Wildly chants a little piece of music (6)
19 Remains the best among saints (5)
20 Searches for soft garments (6)
22 Dismiss a fathead with anger (4)
24 There's some lavish entertainment at such parties (3)
25 Ran off with an artist and ate out (7)
26 Let's say it was new in 1984 (5)
27 Collectable item interesting to us (5)
28 Thought of us in a sunny sea area (5)
29 Is it the poor return in an unsuccessful winter that makes him swear? (7)
30 Cap a chap out East (5)
31 Is there convenience for them in Regent Street? (5)

DOWN
2 Suggested how to deal with the din (6)
3 Reaction to a terrible scare on the fifth of November (6)
4 Shot the witches out of Coventry! (3)
5 Old-fashioned but still given appointments (5)
6 Those troops providing support? (7)
7 She embraces a pupil (4)
8 A certain amount of rhetoric can be sexy (6)
12 In any event, spaces provide openings (5)
13 He shows there can be money in a harp composition (5)
14 Land in Africa (5)
15 Container of beer, note, in various tins (5)
16 Threw one into an outhouse (5)
18 A bright one like Muriel? (5)
19 A poster, possibly, for a coastal place? (7)
21 Decline to set us free anew (6)
22 Plan to shoot about half the guns (6)
23 Dislike being again dismissed? (6)
25 Wandering nomad of legendary friendliness (5)
26 Where builders work and rest at a loose end (4)
28 Some girl's name (3)

EASY

ACROSS
1 Rupture (5)
6 Religion (5)
9 Antagonistic (7)
10 Tree (5)
11 Scottish landowner (5)
12 Characteristic (5)
13 Monotonous (7)
15 Offer (3)
17 Unfortunately (4)
18 Thin down (6)
19 Fulcrum (5)
20 Forgive (6)
22 Male voice (4)
24 Cunning (3)
25 Horse opera (7)
26 Take unlawfully (5)
27 Strong point (5)
28 Boy's name (5)
29 One more (7)
30 Facial hair (5)
31 Abrupt (5)

DOWN
2 Helpful (6)
3 Broken fragments (6)
4 Hill (3)
5 Tempest (5)
6 Illegal (7)
7 Chair (4)
8 Skilful (6)
12 Italian city (5)
13 Metal fastenings (5)
14 Wed (5)
15 Military instrument (5)
16 Fiend (5)
18 Wooden peg (5)
19 Give warning of (7)
21 Recess (6)
22 Dress (6)
23 Soldiers (6)
25 Ballroom dance (5)
26 Celebrity (4)
28 Harden (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 124

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, G-host 6, Cited 9, Crea-tor 10, E-N-try 11, Lidos 12, VEN-us 13, Re-Gale-d 15, Sis 17, Adam 18, Snatch 19, S-top-S 20, P-robes 22, F-ire 24, Hen 25, D-RA-ined 26, (new-)Speak 27, Curio (us) 28, M-us-ed 29, T-roop-er 30, Ber-E-t 31, Gents.
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EASY
ACROSS: 1, Burst 6, Islam 9, Hostile 10, Cedar 11, Laird 12, Trait 13, Humdrum 15, Bid 17, Alas 18, Dilute 19, Pivot 20, Pardon 22, Alto 24, Sly 25, Western 26, Steal 27, Forte 28, Simon 29, An other 30, Beard 31, Terse.
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Wknd. STYLE

Go for hats and scarves lined with silk or satin to reduce friction and prevent breakage from rough winter fabrics such as wool

WINTER WISE

WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

CHOOSE NATURAL HAIR OIL

Natural oils such as argan, jojoba or coconut oil is the ideal choice in the winter months. These oils moisturise your hair naturally. The locked in moisture reduces frizz, keeping your hair soft and lustrous.

LESS IS MORE

This isn't a good time to go overboard with styling even though it is the party season. Hot irons and blow dryers pull out moisture from your hair and leave it dry. It is better to dry your hair only partially if you are using a dryer. Keep styling to the minimum.

Mane Vain

Haircare for winter

The cold days are here. The weather condition needs a different haircare regimen. Many of the winter bad-hair days can be prevented with some basic care. Some change in the products you use daily is called for this season.

Moisturise more

Very often, prolonged exposure to the cold breeze depletes the moisture from your hair. You need to change to a conditioner that's richer. It is advisable to apply a deep conditioning mask once a week through this season.

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Evolution of elegance: Boardroom to Red Carpet

Suit Yourself

From a symbol of corporate power to a personalised statement of luxury, culture and celebration, the suit has come a long way, writes Prasad Bidapa

The story of men's luxury suiting is one of constant reinvention, a journey that has seen the structured formality of the classic suit transform into a vehicle for personal expression on the world's most glamorous stages. What began as a rigid uniform of power in the corporate and political spheres has morphed into bespoke occasion wear, embracing bold aesthetics and global cultural influences, most notably in the Indian luxury market.

Formal uniform to fashion statement

The modern suit, tracing its origins back to the 19th-Century, was initially a sartorial statement of sobriety and status. Designers like Beau Brummell championed simple, dark and perfectly tailored garments, setting the benchmark for the business suit and black-tie tuxedo. For decades, the suit was intrinsically linked to the office and formal events, adhering to strict rules of cut, colour, and fabric.

The mid-20th Century saw Hollywood glamorise the suit, turning figures like Cary Grant and Frank Sinatra into style icons. Yet, the real transformation accelerated in the late 20th and early 21st Centuries. As fashion became more individualised and workplace dress codes softened, the suit shed its corporate constraints. Designers began using unconventional fabrics - velvets, brocades and metallics - and experimenting with vibrant colours and innovative silhouettes.

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The Red Carpet became the suit's new domain, replacing rigidity with a demand for high-fashion drama, establishing the tuxedo, in particular, as the ultimate piece of men's occasion wear.

Indian intersect: Fusion and festivity

This global evolution found a unique expression in India, where the Western suit was elegantly integrated and fused with indigenous aristocratic attire to create new forms of luxury occasion wear. The most prominent examples are the Bandhgala and the Sherwani.

The Bandhgala, or Jodhpuri suit, is a masterpiece of Indo-Western fusion. It emerged in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries as an Indian adaptation of the Western coat, blending it with the traditional Achkan (a long Indian coat). Its signature feature is the 'closed neck' collar, lending it a clean, royal and distinctly formal look. Once favoured by Rajput royalty, the Bandhgala has become an essential garment for wedding receptions and black-tie events, often rendered in luxurious silks, fine wools and rich embroideries.

The Sherwani evolved from the flowing Achkan. It is a long, coat-like garment, traditionally worn over fitted trousers (churidar). While it predates the Western suit, its modern, structured silhouette often incorporates Western tailoring techniques. Today, Sherwani is the quintessential groom's attire, symbolising magnificence and tradition, frequently adorned with intricate gold and silver threadwork (zari or zardozi) on opulent fabrics like raw silk and brocade.

This confluence has completed the suit's journey - from a symbol of standardised corporate power to a personalised statement of luxury, culture and celebration.

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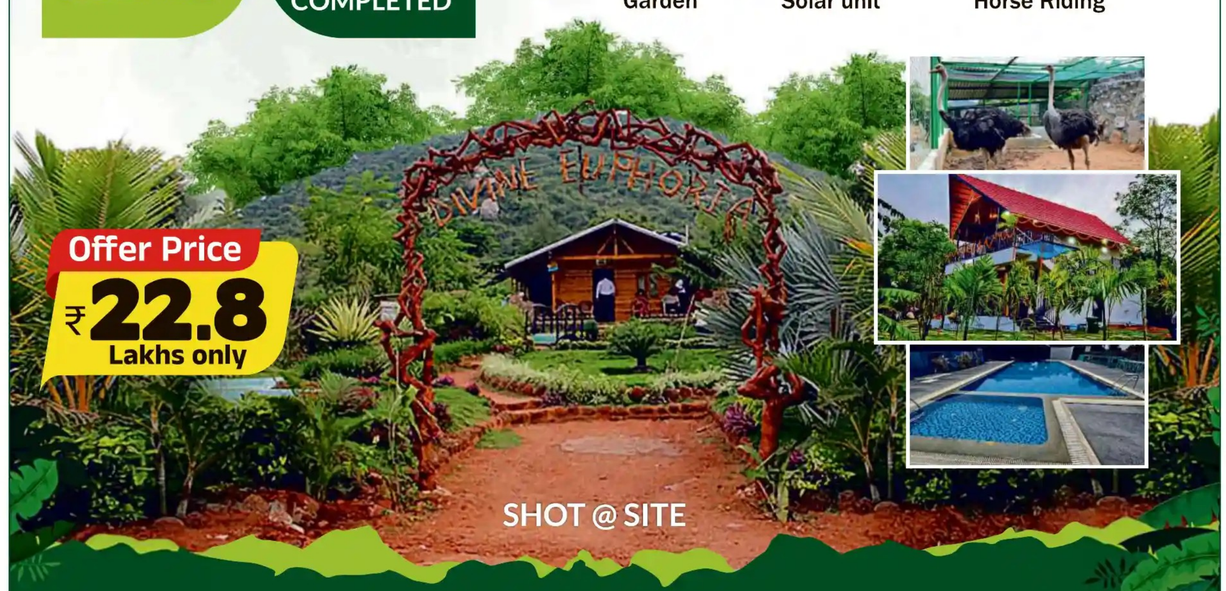

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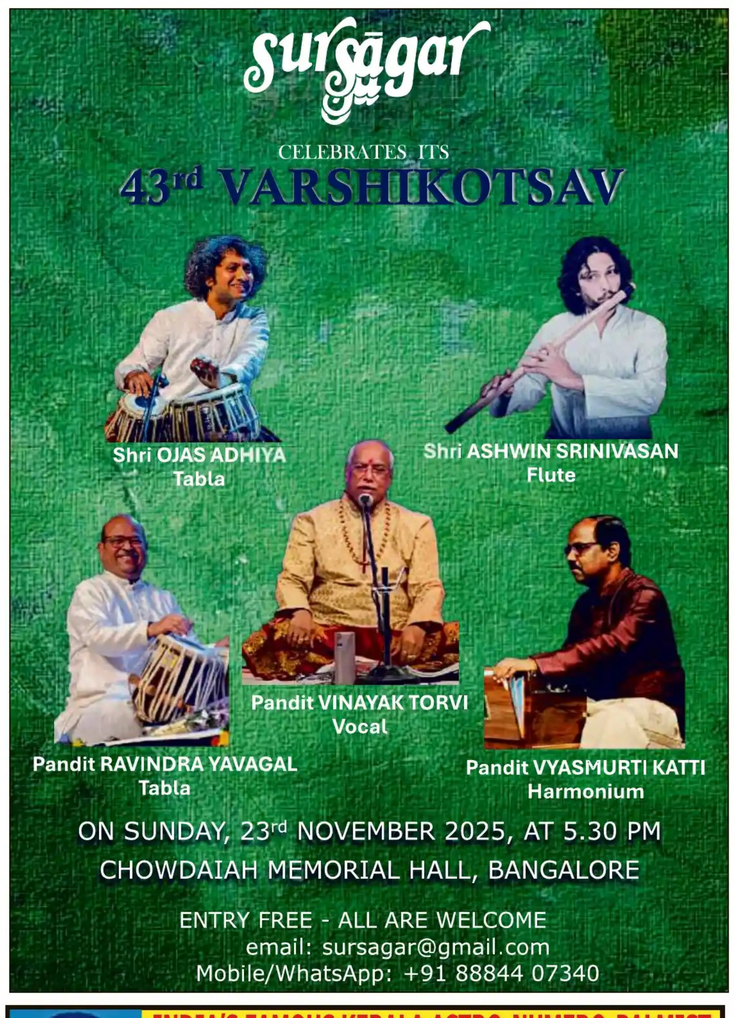

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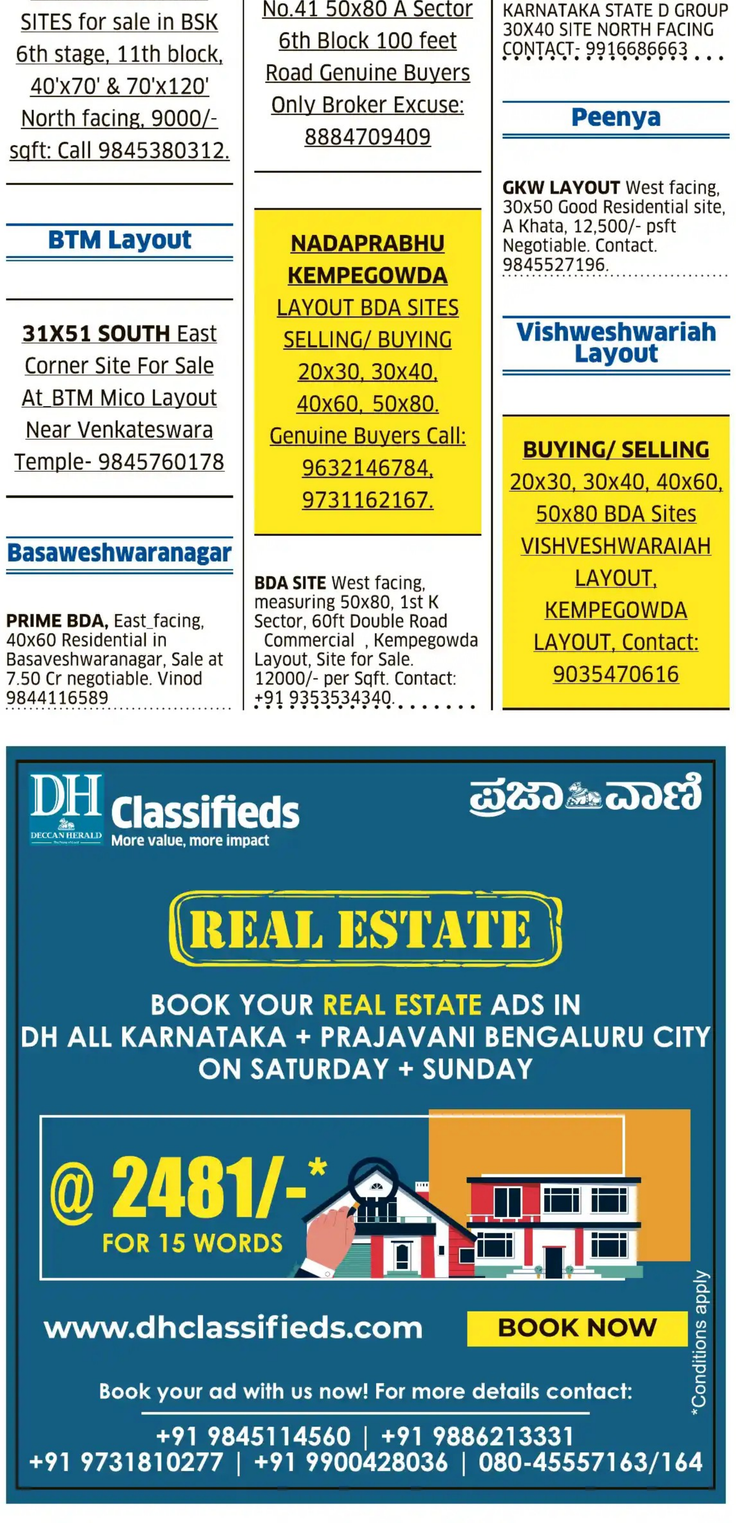

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Vishwa Vidyapeeth celebrates this year in commemoration of Lal Bahadur Shastri's iconic slogan, **'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan'.** This tribute honours the spirit of our **soldiers and farmers** — the true pillars of our nation's strength and prosperity. Through various initiatives and activities, the school seeks to inspire students with the values of **patriotism, hard work, and selfless service.**

JAI JAWAN JAI KISAN

27th, 28th & 29th November 2025

9 AM to 6 PM

The event is open to all school and college students.

14 Important Guests

Shri S.R.Vishwanath

Padma Shri Dr. Khader Valli

Padma Shri Mahalinga Naik

Padma Shri Sathyanarayana Beleri

Padma Shri Muralikant Petkar

Col. Jai Shankar Babu (Retd.)

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Tushar Ghate

Smt. Shakuntala Bhandarkar

Shri B.K.Deva Rao

Shri M.C.V.Prasad

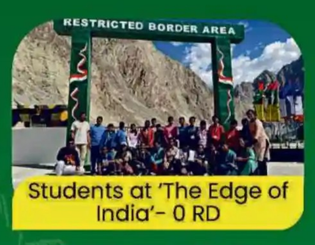
Shri Chatnalli Mahesh

Shri Divakar Channappa

Smt. Mangala Kiran Neelgund

Smt. Kavita Mishra

Journey of Jai Jawan Jai Kisan



Students at 'The Edge of India'- 0 RD

Visit to Attari Border

Visit to 3 EME Centre, Madhya Pradesh

Infantry School, Mhow (Madhya Pradesh)

Microlight Flying Sports, Mhow (Madhya Pradesh)

Preparation of Soil

Sowing Seeds

Jeevamrutha Preparation

Harvesting Vegetables

Vishwa Santhe

Hallikar Cows

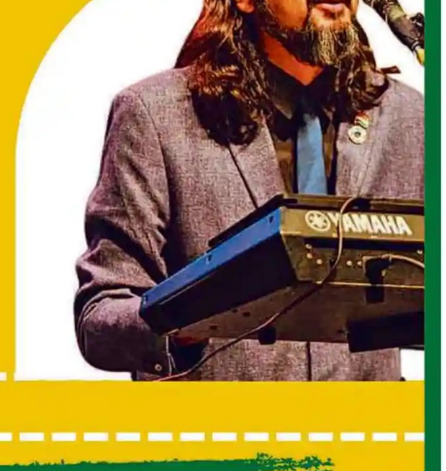
Passing Out Parade

RICKY KEJ CONCERT

28th November, 2025

6 PM onwards

Entry with invite only



Event Highlights

- Jai Kisan Stalls
- Jai Jawan Displays (incl. DRDO Outreach)
- Performances by Eminent Artists
- Cultural Programs – Performing Arts

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